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TAPS: A Father's Tribute To His Dead Son

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Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" ... used at military funerals was born. The words are ...

Day is done .. Gone the sun ... From the lakes ... From the hills ... From the sky ... All is well ... Safely rest ... God is night .. Fading light ... Dims the sight ... And a star ... Gems the sky . Gleaming bright ... From afar .. Drawing nigh ... Falls the night .. Thanks and praise ... For our days ... Neath the sun ... Neath the stars ... Neath the sky ... As we go ... This we know ... God is nigh ...

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Brigitte Gall has asked Ron James to join her in a fundraiser with the proceeds to benefit Permafrost in its effort to Save the Frost Centre.

Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy Permafrosting.....Comedy Night in Haliburton with Ron James and Brigitte Gall at the Northern Lights Pavillion in Haliburton - Saturday, November 6th. The show starts at 8:00pm. Doors open at 7:00pm.

Tickets are $15 and are available at the the Haliburton Echo, the Minden Times and The Storeroom in Minden.

Dyna-Con

Blasting Their Way Through History...

by Stephen Patrick

KaaaaBoooom! When people think of Dyna-Con, they usually think of big bangs, as in dynamite, as in blasting, as in gigantic rock faces crumbling before your eyes. Or they look down from County Rd. 1 between Donald and Haliburton and see the impressive, hundreds-foot high quarry hewn out of prime Canadian Shield.

But this highly successful Canadian construction company, born and bred right here in Haliburton, is a lot more than just big bangs and falling rocks. However, blasting and rocks is where it all started over 30 years ago when Tim Casey and his brother Dennis founded Shamrock Drilling and started the quarry on their family's property in Dysart Township just by the railroad line. Tim's mother, Jean Casey, was a member of the Gould family, for whom Gould's crossing – a stop on the railway line – was named. The Goulds also founded Birch Point Lodge more than 80 years ago on Kashagawigamog Lake and the family operated it as one of Haliburton's most successful resorts for most of the last century.

Pat Casey

Shamrock Drilling became Dyna-Con Explosives Technology Inc. just 10 years ago and since that time has almost doubled in size every year. For the past three years the company's been under the leadership Pat Casey, Tim's son, who's committed to a strategy of prudent, careful diversification and growth. Pat, who "started on the jackhammer like everyone else" wants to make absolutely sure that the company grows at a realistic pace, and that it stays Haliburton-centred and operated. Tim Casey remains with the company in charge of sales and marketing.

The Pit at Dyna-Con

The sheer size and scale of some of Dyna-Con's contracts can be hard to imagine. For instance, everyone in Haliburton has seen the huge excavation on Highway 121 just outside of the village. Dyna-Con has been in charge of preparing this site for the new Loblaws store and it seems to the average onlooker (at least this one) that mountains of rock have been moved. The job's now complete, and with it 35,000 cubic metres of rock have been successfully drilled and blasted. Now compare that another of Dyna-Con's current jobs, on Highway 518 near Parry Sound. When that job's finished, 1.8 million, as in million, cubic metres of rock will have been drilled and blasted. That's one heck of a lot of Kabooms!

So it should be no surprise that the company has been the recipient of the largest road construction contract for drilling and blasting ever tendered in the Province of Ontario. Or that it has safely detonated the largest single blast, some 60,000 cubic metres, in the history of Ontario highway construction.

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The Army Cadet Corps is a civilian non-profit organization working in partnership with the Canadian Forces to support the Royal Canadian Army Cardet program in promoting and fostering leadership, citizenship, self-reliance, physical fitness, and respect for others in Canadian youth. There is no cost to join.

Army Cadet training at the corps level occurs between September 1 and June 30 of the following year. Training is centered around teaching the Star Programme and participating in citizenship, leadership and physical fitness activities. Optional training may include music and biathlon. Activities may include: map and compass, drill, camping, rock climbing, and marksmanship.

Cadets are encouraged to become active, responsible members of their communities. They learn valuable life and work skills like teamwork, leadership, and citizenship. Cadets also reap the personal benefits of increased self-confidence and physical fitness, learning how to take initiative, and how to make decisions. Cadets make valuable contributions to Canadian society on a daily basis in terms of environmental, citizenship and community activities.

The Army Cadet program: equips cadets with the tools necessary to challenge themselves to become better leaders and citizens,; provides cadets with the possibility of travel and adventure; and presents opportunities to develop lifelong friendships.

Army Cadets began forming corps in 1879 and today comprise 450 corps and boast numbers of 21,000 strong and growing.

If you would like to become part of this great group, drop-in any Tuesday night or send them an E-mail or phone them on Tuesday evenings. Branch 129, Royal Canadian Legion, Mountain Street, Haliburton, Cadet Office Phone: 457-8002. Cadet Web Sites: www.cadets.ca or www.armycadetleague.ca E-mail: co5505@halhinet.on.ca or 1129army@cadets.net. Cadets are not part of the Canadian Forces, nor is there any expectation for them to join the military.

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Dyna-Con A "Blast" To Work For....

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example. And it offers a wide variety of services to the mining industry, providing bulk samples, access roads, assisting in mine start-up projects and open-pit blasting. With its years of experience in quarry operations, it also provides extensive management services for other quarry projects.

Tim Casey

Dyna-Con also offers construction services as diversified as residential septic system installation, total site preparation, lot clearing, driveway construction, and just recently, well drilling. Their blasting techniques are so sophisticated that they can even blast in the basement of an existing house without damage to the structure. They regularly blast under or around live hydro lines, fiber-optic lines, sewer and water mains, septic beds, and even under water.

The company is also in the demolition business. It recently imploded a grain elevator in Midland, for example, and has also demolished industrial chimneys, bridges, factories and dams.

All of this work is highly skilled, and can be very dangerous. Dyna-Con has a passionate commitment to work-place safety and also takes great pride in minimizing the environmental impact of their projects.

Although the company's expansion and diversification has worked, Pat Casey is determined not to jeopardize its success by casting too wide a net. "We know what we're good at," he says. "We're committed to proper employee development and training: none of this happens overnight."

The company currently brings almost $5 million a year into the County and has a workforce of 36 full time employees. That supports an awful lot of other businesses, services, and of course families. Dyna-Con also sponsors an annual golf tournament that channels up to $10,000 to local charities.

This month Pat is off to a remote village in Guatemala as part of a local "Eh! Team," a Living Water charity that's dedicated to providing safe drinking water to developing countries. But the idea of community, and giving back, is nothing new to those families who've survived more than a few generations of Haliburton's life and history.

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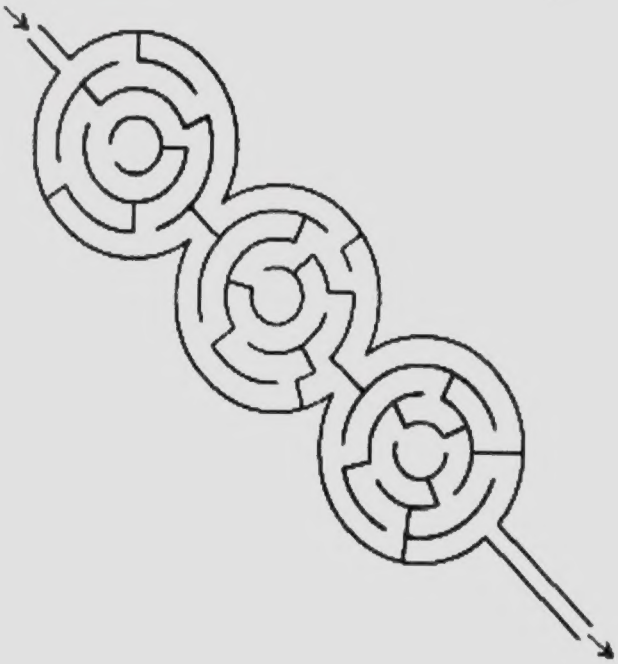

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The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts.!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Manotick - Watson's Mill (Near Ottawa)

Is there anything worse than building something glorious only to have it become a destroyer of your happiness?

This ghost story tells of the fate of Joseph Currier's mill and his bride.

Built in 1860, the young entrepreneur had made sure that the latest and best technology was part of his new mill in Manotick. His bride, named Anna (or Ann or Annie... apparently, there is some debate) was there to see the new mill and it was during her visit when her skirt got caught in the mechanics of the gears flinging her with some force into a supporting beam smashing her body horribly and killing her instantly.

Joseph lost interest in continuing his career and resigned his "mill building" but apparently, his wife still lingers at the mill.

The story is covered admirably with the pages of Barbara Smith's book Ontario Ghost Stories (copyright 1998 - Lone Pine Publishing). According to Smith, the ghost always starts with a sound... a woman crying or moaning in pain. A "white shadow" of a woman has been seen within the upstairs part of the mill as well. A weird feeling of not being alone or being watched and the term "broke out in goose bumps" is stated quite often in the entry within the book.

Of interest, is that much of the phenomena is experienced around 1pm in the afternoon (thus, in this case, Anna is not the usual "night-time" ghost) and two reports are mentioned in the book happening at 1:15pm which is roughly when Anna met her fate in the mill.

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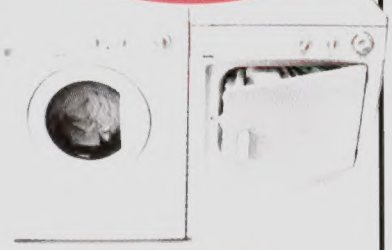

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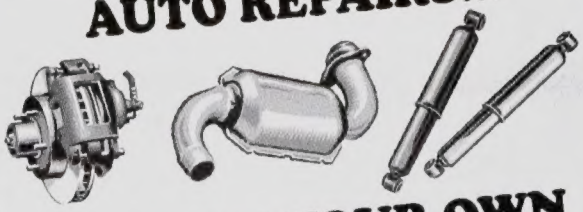

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That's Big....

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Why Didn't I Register That One....

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No Matter What Colour... Stay Away....

The black bear is not always black. It can be brown, cinnamon, yellow, and sometimes a bluish color.

It's True....

The words CHOICE COD read the same when held in front of a mirror upside-down. This also applies to the word DIOXIDE.

WHAT'S WORSE?

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What's Worse...

Walking with toilet paper on your shoe?
Walking with your fly down?

Just Awaiting The Arrival of Snow - Snowmobilers Gearing Up For Successful Season

The leaves are down, Halloween's over, the woodshed's full, and the skies are grey. What does this mean? First, it's November in Haliburton: second, the snowmobile season, otherwise known as winter, is just around the corner.

And, as usual, the Haliburton County Snowmobiling Association's dedicated volunteers are already hard at work fixing bridges, brushing, bulldozing and signing the hundreds of kilometres of trails that make the Highlands one of the world's premier sledding destinations.

The HCSA is going into its 34th season, believe it or not, and with age comes changes, and maybe even some reassessment. As Andy Chvedukas, HCSA President puts it, "we've had our fair share of challenges over the past few years, no doubt about it, but going into this season we're more enthusiastic and positive about the future of our sport that we've been since the 1990's."

Snowmobilers are no strangers to tough challenges. When the HCSA was formed in 1971 enthusiasts were often looked upon as a bunch of out-of-control, crazy, fence busting, trespassing party-crazy renegades. And that was just their friends! The sleds themselves were noisy, smelly, and uncomfortable. Trail grooming equipment was in the dark ages: moguls reigned. But gradually, due mainly to the efforts of local club volunteers, and the leadership of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, the sport has became a widely accepted and lucrative part of winter life across all the snowy parts of North America. The industry pours a cool $1 billion bucks into Ontario's economy each year: and $10 million of that comes into Haliburton County.

Still, challenges remain. A few years ago the OFSC adopted a "risk management program" that emphasized common sense on the trails, rigorous safety rules, and a zero-tolerance policy towards alcohol. Safe trails, and safe sledding became the focus of what had evolved into a true family sport. Manufacturers have done their bit by producing machines that meet or exceed the most stringent projected environmental standards right up to 2006. Four-stroke sleds have been introduced, and even some two-stroke models deliver an unbelievable 25-MPG.

T.J. is ready to get groom the trails.

The sport has also been hit by significant insurance increases, both at the Club and individual level. Chvedukas urges all sledders to put pressure on the provincial government to bring some regulatory sanity to the insurance issue: in Quebec, for example, civil suits against snowmobile clubs are capped at $2 million dollars. In Ontario, no such cap exists. Even so, Chvedukas says that there may soon be some relief in store on that front. Rates are stabilizing, and may even reduce a little in the coming year.

Meanwhile, the HCSA is actively addressing the next major change to the sport: the use of private lands. For years local snowmobilers have been in large part dependent on the good will of private landowners who've granted permission, free of charge, for trails to cross their property. In fact, 75 to 80 percent of Haliburton's trails are still on private land.

Chvedukas is convinced that "for the long term sustainability of the sport we simply can't rely on private landowners. Land is changing rapidly in Haliburton: new owners often have no inclination to help out the Club. And the increasing popularity of ATVs has had a definite impact on landowners' willingness to grant trail rights." Chvedukas is quick to praise the efforts of the Haliburton ATV Association to regulate the sport: but the ATVers are roughly where the snowmobilers were in the 1970s, i.e a long way from wide public acceptance.

To solve the problem, long term, the HCSA has started to open and use concession allowances and unopened road allowances for future trails. For starters, this year the number 4 trail along the Duck Lake Road will be re-located on a concession allowance, and portions of the main TOPS trail from Haliburton north to Eagle Lake and Whitney will be re-routed using municipal land, which will in fact make for a better trail.

The HCSA depends 100 percent on volunteers to operate and maintain the trail system, and the trail permit fees provide the major financial support. Trails are now maintained to a much higher safety standard than was demanded even a few years ago: all bridges over 20 feet, for instance, must now be fully designed and engineered. The Club's nine trail groomers require constant maintenance and repair.

Club President Andy Chvedukas urges all snowmobilers to buy their permits before December 1st and take advantage of a great early-bird price of $180 per sled: after the deadline the price rises to $230, and remember, permits are mandatory on all trails.

The HCSA also urges all family snowmobilers to make sure their kids take advantage of the excellent driver education programs the Club offers in advance of the new season.

The best news of all may be that the Farmers Almanac is predicting a winter "with great amounts of precipitation".

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And Highlander of the Year is...

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce has awarded its annual Highlander of the Year to Jeanne Anthon, former Reeve of Anson, Hinden and Minden, and a former president of the Minden Rotary Club. For the first time ever, the Chamber membership directly elected the winner. Anthon won over a strong field including Canoe FM's Dave Soveriegn: Jim Blake, Arts Council Co-ordinator, educator, and volunteer; and George Farrell, who produced the Highland's first marketing video.

Jeanne Anthon has been an essential part of the County's volunteer base for many years. She was the first chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Stewardship and Resources Committee, and served with the Trillium Fund, the Terry Fox Run, Timbersport and is a founding member of the new Haliburton Land Trust Committee. She's also spearheaded the latest addition to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. She was nominated by long-time Lutterworth Councillor Bill Valentine and his wife Sandy. One can see why Jeanne is such a worthy recipient of this honour.

Highlander of the Year is Jeanne Anthon, pictured right.

And Business of the Year is...

The Chamber awarded its Business of the Year award to the Family Services of Haliburton County, which was born seven years ago to consolidate and co-ordinate a wide range of services to children and families. Executive Director Fay Martin accepted on behalf of her dedicated staff. Family Services is a muli-functional organization that we plan to feature in up-coming articles. I say articles, because this organization has so much to offer and does so much for the people of Haliburton County, that one article could not cover what this group offers.

Faye Martin accepted the award on behalf of Family Services.

The New Directors are....

The Chamber also announced the retirement from the Board of Directors of Mark Coles, Steve Heming, Peggy Cassils, and Jim Miners. New directors appointed were Nick Lawrence (Lawrence's Coffee and Vending Services), John McDonald (Lakeview Motel), Todd Boyd (Little Hawk Lake Resort) and Franka Andriano (Whispering Pines B&B). Directors Bill Young and Graham Beeby will be returning for another term.

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The Name's Familiar... *John Doe*

Hector Boiardi

Yes, there is a ***Chef Boyardee***, although his name is not spelled that way. Hector Boiardi, an Italian immigrant, came to the United States in 1914 when he was only 17.

Upon his arrival, he immediately got a job as a chef at New York's Plaza Hotel, where his brother worked as a waiter. After moving to Cleveland, he perfected his spaghetti and meatball recipe in 1929. His customers kept asking for bottles of his pasta sauce so they could have it at home, and he obliged. He then added cheeses and pasta to the sauce.

The results were so popular that he started to sell the products in area stores, and later in stores outside the area. Boiardi remained an advisor in the canned pasta business until his death at age 87 in 1985. And yes, that is Hector's picture on the label.

The Man on the Label is the Real Chef, Hector Boiardi... the man behind the canned pasta.

THAT'S LIFE ...

by the Bashful Comic

Colonoscopy Chatter

A physician claimed that the following are actual comments made by his patients(predominately male) while he was performing their colonoscopies:

1. "Take it easy Doc, you're boldly going where no man has gone before!"
2. "Find Amelia Earhart yet?"
3. "Can you hear me NOW?"
4. "Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?"
5. "You know in Arkansas we're now legally married."
6. "Any sign of the trapped miners, Chief?"
7. "You put your left hand in, you take your left hand out..."
8. "Hey! Now I know how a Muppet feels!"
9. "If your hand doesn't fit, you must quit!"
10. "Hey Doc, let me know if you find my dignity."
11. "You used to be an executive at Enron didn't you?"

And the best one of them all...

12. "Could you write a note for my wife saying that my head is in fact not up there."

One for the Golfers...

Submitted by Fred & Shirl of Wilberforce

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is advising golfers to take extra precautions and be on the alert for bears while in the Muskoka and Haliburton area golf courses.

They advise golfers to wear noise-producing devices such as Little bells on their clothing to alert, but not startle the bears unexpectedly.

They also advise you to carry pepper spray in case of an Encounter with a bear. It is also a good idea to watch for signs of bear activity.

Golfers should be able to recognize the difference between Black bear and grizzly bear droppings on the golf course. Black bear droppings are smaller and contain berries and possibly squirrel fur.

Grizzly bear droppings have bells in them and smell like Pepper spray.

Too bad stupidity isn't painful!

Fund Raiser for Fire Victims - Your Help Is Needed

If you close your eyes for a moment and imagine what life would be like if your home burnt to the ground and you lost everything it wouldn't take but a moment for a sickening feeling to come over your stomach. Well this is the feeling for real that a Harcourt family is experiencing right now. In October, Charlene McNeil, who is a single mother with two children, living on the Mumford road in Harcourt lost everything in a house fire. What's even worse is that she had no insurance on the home.

You can help! The family desperately needs household items, building materials, and a large trailer to live in while re-building. Any donations are extremely appreciated and desperately needed. Remember, they lost EVERYTHING. The simplest little things that we all take for granted, are a big deal to this unfortunate family at this time.

There will also be a benefit dance at the Royal Canadian Legion in Wilberforce on Saturday November 13th at 9:30 p.m. Admission is by donation, and all proceeds will be directed to rebuilding the home of the McNeil family. A trust fund has been set up at the Bank of Nova Scotia. Cheques can be made payable to "Charlene McNeil Trust Fund", and all monies collected will be directed to rebuilding.

If you need further information, or would like to help in anyway, big or small, please call Jan Simon at 448-2868 or Deloris Packard at 448-2523.

Ladies Monday Night Basketball Game

Ladies.... if basketball is your game, and you would like to join others in exciting games to pass the winter months away, you are invited to join in the fun pick-up basketball nights, Mondays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. This starts in November and goes to end of May.

It takes place at the Haliburton High School Gym. Women of all abilities are welcome. The cost is $3 per evening or $30 per half year. For further details, please call Emma at 457-2506

Adult Badminton

Want to keep active while keeping warm over the winter months? Why not try badminton.

Mondays to May 30, 2005 there is Adult Badminton, offered at Archie Stouffer School. 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bring your racquet & running shoes Join others for fun, fellowship & fitness. Phone 286-1765 for further information. Or head on out and join in next Monday, and see if you like it.

Dumb Criminals

Stupid Is As Stupid Does: Deputies in Douglas County, Colo., have arrested James Lee, 22, after a weeklong string of alleged robberies. In one, they say, Lee robbed a Blockbuster video store, but only after trying to rent a movie. Since he didn't have his store ID card with him, he provided his correct name and birth date. He also left his cell phone on the counter when he fled. In another case, they say, he left his driver's license behind after a robbery at a check-cashing store. Before robbing a liquor store, police allege, he asked to use the restroom. The clerk refused, but then OK'd the potty break after Lee told the clerk his dad owned the building. "It turned out his dad does own the building," said an investigator. "It's a good thing that bad guys aren't very smart, or we'd be in trouble."

More Help For Officers: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers accused Israel Andres Cervantes, 26, and his wife Andrea Dawn Coleman, 22, of illegally shooting a deer. The couple were very cooperative and told the officers they could even look in their freezer. Sure enough, there was no venison in there, but they did find a suspicious package of a green leafy substance. The duo was charged with felony possession of marijuana and taking a deer at night.

Facts about the Royal Canadian Legion at work in Ontario:

1600 branches across Canada, 428 in Ontario with over 160,000 members.

In 2003 Veterans' program spending was close to $325,640.

Monies raised by Ladies Auxiliary members for charities and deserving branch projects reached the sum of $7,240,082 in 2003.

Operates a provincial service bureau for all veterans, ex-service personnel and peacekeepers to assist with pension applications and benefit concerns, an ongoing process.

Property taxes paid in 2003 by Ontario Legion branches were $875,624.

Sponsors and facilitates low rental housing for senior citizens. In 2003 seniors program spending totalled $862,340.

Donates special equipment and furnishings to hospitals and extras from television sets to new vehicles.

Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members visit veterans in hospitals and continue to supply comforts.

Over $400,000 in bursaries awarded annually in Ontario, by branches and ladies auxiliaries.

Has donated $100,000 or more annually over the last 26 years to the Easter Seal campaign. The donation for 2004 was $103,500 with over 2.4 million donated since supporting Easter Seals.

Poppy trust fund donations for medical equipment and research in Ontario last year were $822,321.

Sponsors cubs, scouts, guides and cadets to the value of $4.5 million per year across Canada.

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation donated close to $600,000 to Ontario communities in 2003.

Over $47,000 spent in 2003 to send young Ontario athletes and coaches to legion sponsored Track & Field events.

Monies spent for Youth programs in 2003 was over $928,435

Total bursary dollars awarded for the 2002 2003 academic year were $447,100.

Lest We Forget

"Okay your father managed to get a mouse Now how do we use it?"

Cliff's New Invention Could Save Lives

Cliff Stoughton of Gooderham knows all too well the potential hazards that can come about when a trailer hitch comes off while a vehicle is towing a trailer. In fact it has happened to him personally three times in his life, and he's heard of other incidences too often where bad accidents have happened. So five years ago he decided that there must be a better way to attach a trailer to a vehicle, and make it impossible for the trailer to become dislodged. Now, he has his new invention, "The Positive Trailer Hitch", patented, has a prototype and even has an outfit in California seriously looking at purchasing the concept and manufacturing this innovative new product.

Cliff explains his invention. "This hitch makes it impossible for the trailer hitch to come off the ball because it incorporates a grade S bolt that goes up through the ball. Then there is a lock pin and wing nut on top of the hitch, which will not allow the hitch to come loose. The problem is that too often people don't have the hitch and the ball matched perfectly. One could put a 2" coupler on a 1 7/8" ball, which is a mistake. But we're all human and make mistakes. We seem to think; well it fits, so we don't think about it. But that small difference can cause the trailer to come loose. Once people have the Positive Trailer Hitch, it will never happen again."

The invention has many benefits to it including piece of mind, and can also deter theft of trailers because it would require more work to separate. The target market will be car and truck owners, owners of trailers and other recreational vehicles, and operators of businesses using light trailers.

"It's scary when your trailer comes separated from the vehicle I can tell you. Remember that it's probably chained to your vehicle too, so it can put you out of control and cause some serious damage or accidents. I've heard of the hitch going under cars and exploding the gas tanks, people flipping vehicles, and of course that poor young lad on the ATV in Kennisis Lake that got really badly hurt just a little while ago because his trailer came off. It's scary."

invention cont'd... pg 19...

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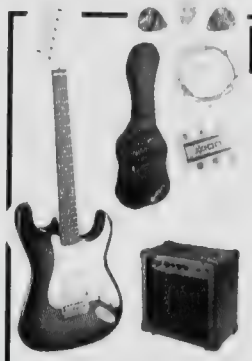

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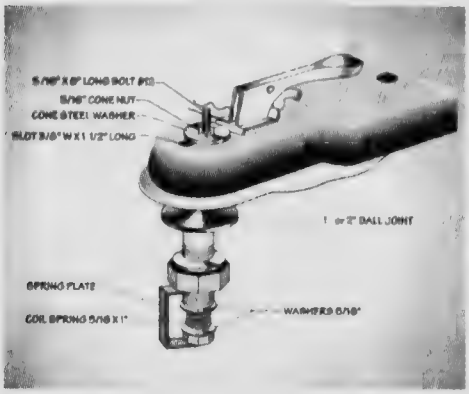
Trailer Hitch Invention Cont'd...

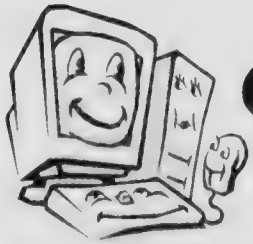
... from pg. 18

Cliff himself feels fortunate that when his trailer did come off there wasn't any traffic on the roads at the time or there could have been more serious consequences. He smiles while he remembers the last trailer incident. "I was alone at night last time. If you've ever tried to back up a truck to a trailer with a full load and get right close to the ball by yourself, you can appreciate how hard that can be. Quite frustrating! I finally got some help."

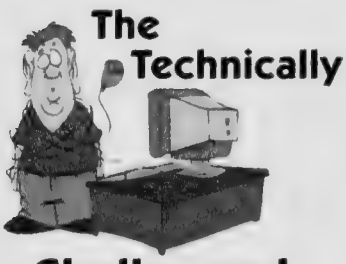


So when can we expect to see the Positive Trailer Hitch on the shelves. Maybe sooner than later. "I have to wait to hear from the company in California. It's a huge operation to manufacture these things. I expect probably Wal-Mart to be the first to market them in the States. They would look after all the distribution and marketing. I'm just the inventor. It's been a long haul and it's exciting. Hopefully it's a go and can save some lives and accidents," says Cliff.

When the Positive Trailer Hitch comes available in stores in Canada we will inform our readers. Best of luck Cliff with your new invention, and remember to see us about some shares in the company when they're available.



Computer Humour!



The Technically Challenged

Actual true stories of run-in's with some of life's technically challenged...

Several years ago there was an intern who was none too swift. One day he was typing and turned to a secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?"

"Just use copier machine paper," she told him.

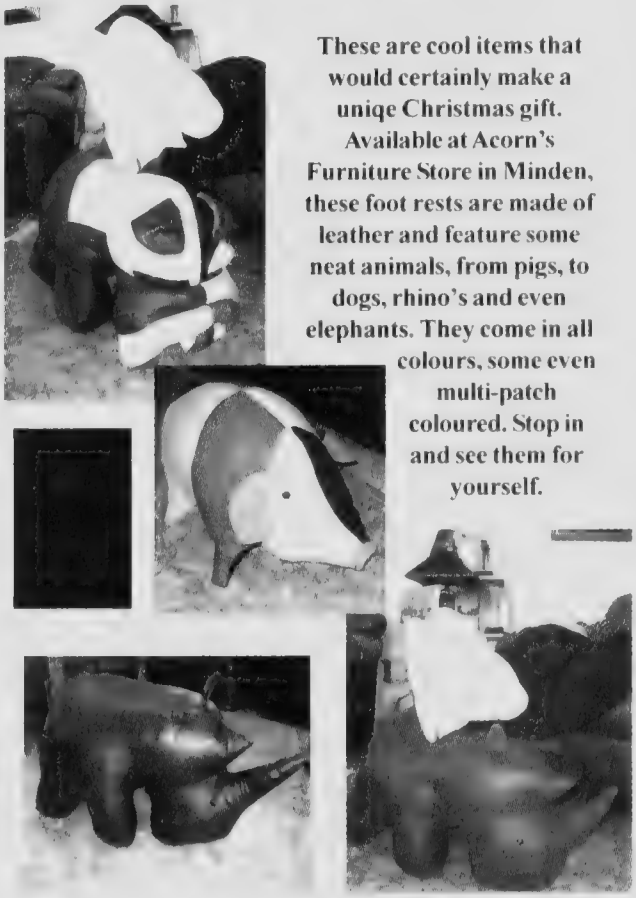
With that, the intern took his last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five blank copies.

Rick Fines Playing The Lounge Cafe

Rick Fines is appearing at the Lounge Café in Carnarvon on Sat. Nov. 6th 04 - 8:00pm!!!! If you love finger-style guitar players, don't miss this one!!! Rick is one of the Best!!! Tickets: $15.00 each

What's HOT on the Shelf?

Leather Animal Foot Rests



These are cool items that would certainly make a uniqe Christmas gift. Available at Acorn's Furniture Store in Minden, these foot rests are made of leather and feature some neat animals, from pigs, to dogs, rhino's and even elephants. They come in all colours, some even multi-patch coloured. Stop in and see them for yourself.

Make Friends with Winter – Dogsled, Ice Climb, Snowshoe or Luge!!

Want to enjoy winter this year? Instead of hibernating, why not get out and enjoy what this season has to offer.

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres in the Haliburton Highlands to present a series of hand-on, skill-building winter workshops to help you "make friends with winter".

Each workshop runs from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There's a little something for everyone and each includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day.

Space for all workshops is limited, so be sure to register in advance. Workshops include dogsledding, ice climbing, snowshoeing, and luging.

For a complete list of the events, the cost, and the schedule, see advertisement in this edition of the Communicator on page page 21 (bottom right).

bad predictions

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The Scoop on Popups & What We Can Do To Pop Them Off Our Computer Screens...

Anyone who has surfed the internet has certainly been victim to the much dreaded Popup screen – those annoying ads that "pop up" when you are tying to access information. But what are they exactly and can we get rid of them completely? read on....

Popups and such are made possible by JavaScript, a programming language used to write code that's embedded in the HTML code automatically downloaded to your computer when you open a Web page. JavaScript is relatively elementary but can invoke much more sophisticated technology such as the aforementioned Flash. The capability to run JavaScript was built into browsers because Web designers wanted to be able to make their pages do cool things, and one suspects at least a few people realized it would facilitate commercialization of the Internet.

Popups became popular because the original mainstay of online advertising, the banner ad, wasn't working as a marketing tool. The "click through rate" on banners was dismal, and many marketers were skeptical that the Web would ever become a viable advertising medium. Partly for that reason, online ad spending declined from $8.1 billion in 2000 to $6 billion in 2002. That year, however, intrusive online ads began to catch on in a big way. How well they work is debatable; the main thing is, marketers thought they worked, and online spending increased to $7.3 billion in 2003 and a projected $9.1 billion in 2004.

Intrusive ads are perhaps second only to telemarketing on the list of loathed marketing techniques, and some well-heeled players have gone to great lengths to defeat them. The most recent and in some ways most surprising is Microsoft, which till not long ago had been lax not only about ads but about online security in general. In August, Microsoft released Service Pack 2 for Windows XP, which makes it possible to suppress most popups and in addition greatly strengthens XP's online security features. SP2 is a free and for many users automatic download; click on the System icon in the Control Panel to make sure you've got it. Not using XP? Many swear by the popup-killing ability of the Google Toolbar, also available online for free. You've got SP2 but still get popups? Marketing snakes have probably surreptitiously installed ad-grabbing "malware" on your computer. I recently ran Lavasoft's Ad-Aware SE Personal Edition, yet another free download, and eliminated hundreds of critical objects that were adding to my popup delima; now I'm largely popup free.

Although you may not have noticed it, the era of the popup may be coming to an end. I say "may" because one can never underestimate the ingenuity of Web marketers and the evil programming wizards in their employ. For now, though, downtrodden users are getting a break, mainly because popups (not to mention popovers, popunders, and other variants) have ticked off so many people that the heavy hitters in the business are coming to our aid.

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The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres in the Haliburton Highlands to present a series of hand-on, skill-building winter workshops. Each workshop runs from 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. There's a little something for everyone and each includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so be sure to register in advance

Dogsledding - Saturday January 15th
at Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve
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Ice Climbing - Saturday, January 29th
at Medeba Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre
Members $50 Non-Members $65

Snoeshoeing - Saturday, February 5th
at Bark Lake Leadership Centre
Members $50 Non-Members $65

Luging - Saturday, February 12th
at Redstone River Luge Club
Members $50 Non-Members $65

Snoeshoeing - Saturday, February 26th
at YMCA Camp Wanakita
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Come out and make friends with winter... you'll be glad you did!

For more information or to register, contact:
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Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Conference Fast Approaching

The 10th Annual Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Conference is fast approaching. It will be held at Fleming College's new state of the art facility overlooking Head Lake in beautiful Haliburton. Event runs November 12 & 13, 2004.

This year's theme is 'In Action in Your Community', focusing on sustaining local business, communities and resources in the face of increasing tourism demands. The conference will be set up as a series of workshops that will include: 'Outdoor Tourism Insurance', 'Marketing through Partnerships', 'Volunteer Management', 'Water System Management', Rural and Indigenous Tourism', What is Ecotourism?' and 'Internet Marketing'.

This year's 'workshop series' style conference is designed for local tour operators and small business owners. Individuals can attend all workshops or just those, which are most relevant.

Additional events will include live entertainment, an organic, fair trade coffee house, 'Take a Risk' auction, and the 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner hosted by the Wigamog Inn.

For more information visit www.fleming.on.ca/ecotourism or phone 457-1680.

Premier accommodations are being offered to conference participants by the Wigamog Inn at a preferred rate. For more information on accommodation call 1-800-661-2010 or visit www.wigamoginn.com

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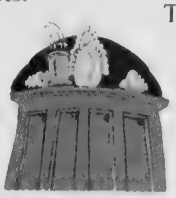
It is illegal to have the hind legs of an farm animal in your boots.

It's statutory rape for a man over 18 to have sex with a female under the age of 18, provided she's a virgin. If she's not a virgin, it is permissible, but the said person must be over 16. If both parties are under 18, the law does not apply.



Tattoos are illegal.

Whaling is illegal.

Women are forbidden from doing their own hair without being licensed by the state.

Women may not gamble in the nude, in lingerie, or while wearing a towel in Schulter, OK.

Lange On The Law

by Donald J. Lange
Barrister & Solicitor

The Concept of Damages

A plaintiff usually sues a defendant for damages, that is, for financial compensation. There are two kinds of damages. Liquidated damages are damages that are easily quantifiable by a calculation. Unliquidated damages are damages that are harder to quantify and the court must determine the amount.

An example of liquidated damages is a loan of $25,000 that a borrower has agreed to pay back to a lender in monthly instalments. The agreement includes a term that the whole outstanding amount becomes due and owing if the borrower fails to make the monthly payments. The borrower defaults on the monthly payments. The amount of the damages is easily determined by deducting the actual monthly payments from the $25,000 loan.

An example of unliquidated damages is a septic system deficiency. A purchaser buys a property based upon a representation that the 15 year old septic system is in good working order. The septic system immediately backs up and needs to be pumped out regularly. The purchaser installs a new septic system for $10,000. The vendor is clearly at fault for the misrepresentation but how much is the vendor liable for? The purchaser bought a 15 year old septic system and now has a new one. There is a betterment issue here and, normally, a trial judge will discount the $10,000 to reflect what was purchased. To quantify these damages, the court will need evidence from the plaintiff to determine the value of a new versus an old septic system.

In considering the amount of damages to award a plaintiff, a court will consider what steps, if any, the plaintiff has taken to lessen the damages suffered. There is a positive duty on the plaintiff "to mitigate the damages." An example is a tenant who has defaulted on a one year lease after three months occupancy. A landlord who is asking the court for compensation for the remaining nine months must show the court the advertising efforts made to re-rent the premises.

In the next column, I will be talking about how to prevent the sale of land during a lawsuit involving that land.

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This column has tidbits of real transcripts from real court cases. In other words... the following statements were actually made in a real court of law. Enjoy

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A: After the accident?
Q: Before the accident.
A: Sure, I played for 10 years. I even went to school for it.

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Hospice: Hope You Never Need Them, But If You Do, They Are There For You

Elinore states it bluntly, "I'm a survivor because of them: they are always there for you, even afterwards. I just don't know how I could ever have got through the last three years without them."

Elinore is just one of hundreds of Haliburton residents whose lives have benefited in untold ways from the SIRCH Community Hospice program. Elinore's husband Bob spent three years in a nursing home in Bobcaygeon before his death. The Hospice volunteer spent hours over the years with Elinore and her husband, and continued to be there to help her through her bereavement. "These people are now my family," she says.

Hospice Volunteer Wilma Powers

Haliburton's Hospice program, started just 10 years ago, provides support to people, usually at home, who suffer from life threatening cancers, mid to end stage Alzheimer's, ALS, or other serious diseases. The Hospice volunteers, each of whom has a minimum of 45 hours training, are often referred by friends or family. They provide conversation, companionship, or a simple "listening ear." They also transport clients or spouses to appointments, provide referrals to other medical or social services, and give essential respite time to caregivers.

Linda May-Powers

Linda May-Powers, the Hospice Co-ordinator, visits each individual client and his or her family in the home, assesses their needs, and then matches the individual with one of the program's volunteers. She also monitors the relationship so she can react to any change in needs or conditions. Linda often becomes part of the caring team. Elinore says, "When I would hear Linda's voice on the phone, some days it would make all the difference."

"When someone is born, we rejoice; when they marry, we celebrate; when they're dying, we do nothing."

Death and dying is not a subject most of want to hear a lot about. Linda quotes the old saying, "When someone is born, we rejoice; when they marry, we celebrate; when they're dying, we do nothing." Nevertheless, "no journey is more difficult than the one taken by those suffering a life-threatening illness."

Wilma Powers has been a Hospice volunteer for many years. During the 1980s she was part of an informal team that gave practically round the clock palliative care to a close friend who was dying of breast cancer. This deeply moving experience made her realize just how important this care is to the dying and their families. Wilma's also a breast cancer survivor, so the fears and apprehensions of many clients are terribly familiar to her. Wilma says, "You're often there simply to listen, and to help with what they need. Often the dying and their families don't want to bother other family members, particularly their children, during this time. And often they'll talk about things with you they just can't share with family, for whatever reason: often they don't want to upset close family members."

Wilma understands why so many people find it hard to imagine sharing last moments with someone you've only known for perhaps a few months. "It's amazing the bond that forms between you during this experience. And at the end, you feel genuinely honoured, to be there, and to have been a part of the person's life."

For many people, the months after the rush and social obligations of a funeral can be the most stressful. Hospice volunteers provide invaluable practical and emotional support during this time, when clients can be at their most vulnerable. Again, volunteers are there often just to listen, in an open and non-judgemental manner.

Shirley, another Hospice client, says, "I didn't even know a volunteer was coming to see us. She just showed up and asked if she could

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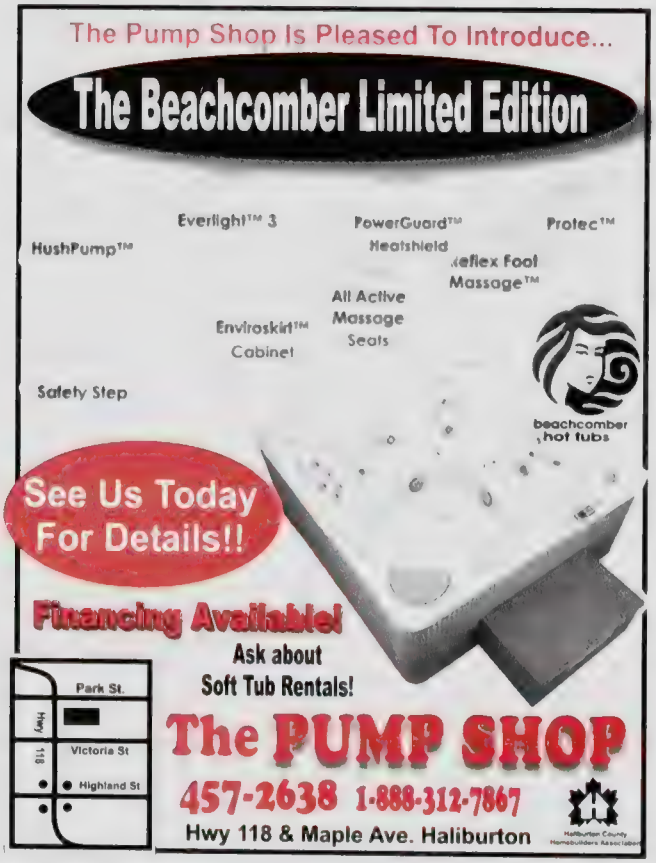

Hospice Volunteers Have Donated A Total of 9,875 Hours

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Haliburton County's Community Hospice program gratefully acknowledges a $1,000 donation from Dave and John Pentney, owners of Minden Home Hardware. Presenting a plaque to Dave Pentney (left in photo) are Hospice Fundraising Co-chair Gord Monk and Hospice Coordinator Linda May-Powers.

Dave recalls that Hospice was an unknown organization to him until it touched the lives of his family. Holding back his emotion, Dave shared that he really appreciates the wonderful work that Hospice volunteers do and the help his family has received. A Hospice brochure in his home brought the issue of the need for financial support to their attention and it was with pleasure the Pentney's made the donation.

help, and what did I need? It was truly a blessing; it was like a miracle. My husband loved her visits, they got along so well. And I was able to get away to shop and take care of things. It lifted such a burden from both of us. And after he died, they were both there for me, my volunteer, Debbie and Linda as well. I think they're all true angels, at least they were for me."

Requests for Hospice Services Doubling

Over the last three years Haliburton Hospice volunteers have donated a total of 9,875 hours of their time, and have driven over 74 thousand kilometres at their own expense. And the need for this service is growing quickly. Over 24% of Haliburton residents are over 65 years of age (the provincial average is 13) and one in four seniors lives alone. Requests for Hospice service doubled last year and are doubling again this year.

The Hospice program needs all the financial help it can get. Each year a full $30,000 must be raised from the community. This fall the inaugural Angel of Hope campaign raised an impressive $4,000, and further fundraising efforts are in the works.

If you would like to help the Hospice program, or know someone you think might appreciate a visit, or if you would like to inquire about volunteering, please call the SIRCH Hospice Program office at 457-1742.

Flu Shot Clinic in Wilberforce:

Thursday, November 11: Haliburton Family Medical Centre will be holding a flu shot clinic at Monmouth Medical Centre, Wilberforce from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is your chance to protect yourself from getting the flu this

Health Unit Flu Shot Clinics:

Our local health unit is also offering the free Vaccination through a series of flu shot clinics throughout the area. One was already held in Wilberforce – at press time. Upcoming ones still being offered. See ad at right right of this page for details. Shots are also available at both hospitals - see ad above right.

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You have a choice. You can allow your fears to bully you into a corner or you can stand strong and push past them. Running from your fears only tends to make them seem larger and more threatening, by facing and confronting them actually helps build inner confidence while diminishing their strength. Does it create anxiety to face your fears? Or course it does, but not as much in the long run as allowing yourself to be controlled by them.

Free Breathing Exercises

Holness Yoga Studio, is offering free 'breathe-freely' classes Tuesday's at at 5:45.

If you suffer with asthma or just can't breath as well as you use to, this class can improve your breathing and your health. There is no charge to attend. Owner, Gail Holness will be leading the exercises to help people recognize the other ways to help breathing conditions besides medicine.

The classes are being held at her studio located on Pine Avenue in Haliburton (in the old Banks General Store & Wild Oats Café). Look for the Circa 1863 sign on the building. For more information you can contact Gail at 455-9294.

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Nancy Gayton, 89 years last month and legally blind, chooses her words carefully. "Here I can participate ... I can keep my mind on the go. When we play euchre I can see the cards. The physical games, bowling, darts, and golf get me out of my chair"

Nancy is just one of many senior Haliburton citizens whose quality of life is enriched each week by her participation in the Victorian Order of Nurse's Adult Day Program. For three days a week the VON provides a social and recreational program for older adults who suffer from a variety of chronic illnesses such as Parkinson syndrome, diabetes, heart disease, stroke or even mild dementia.

During each day the VON's caring and professional staff provide a stimulating agenda that includes cards and games (using extra large cards for clients like Nancy Gayton), physical activities, exercise routines, music and entertainment, crafts, and even baking. Some of the clients who baked for their families for years, for instance, might need just a little assistance to recreate their old favourites. These accomplishments can do wonders for client's sense of self-worth and confidence. All the activities are designed according to the interests and abilities of the participants. And each day includes a hot lunch as well as general health monitoring and foot care from the staff nurse.

Staff Recreation Therapist Lynn Huffman and Activationist Lynn Thompson clearly have a warm, comfortable relationship with their clients. The safe and stimulating environment they provide allows these seniors to reminisce on the past, to relax, or just to quietly sit and listen. Staff regularly read from the Communicator, for example, in order to start discussions about community events (or sometimes just for a good laugh)!

Community volunteers augment the staff and the range of activities. On a recent day, for instance, quilter and wool spinner Yvonne Taylor and banjo player Bob Nesbitt joined regular volunteer Susan Reid. And coming up this month are an amazing range of special events to celebrate 50 years of Rock and Roll. Activities include a Vegas style Casino Day, a Rock and Roll Picture Show and a very special appearance by Haliburton's own Elvis, impersonator Joe Fischer!

The support the VON Adult Day Program gives these seniors is an important factor in their ability to continue to live at home. Each day they attend the program also gives their caregivers an all-important day to themselves. They also benefit from ongoing support and information from the VON staff. It's like having a reliable, safe extended family to help take care of your loved ones.

The cost for this service is a very reasonable $19 per day, which includes all the activities, medical care, snacks, and a full hot meal. Half-day attendance is also available with or without the noon meal. Where financial need is indicated, transportation and a daily fee subsidy are also available.

The Minden Day Program operates each Monday and Thursday in the Auditorium of Hyland Crest and the Haliburton Program operates every Tuesday in the Haliburton Home Support Office. If you know someone who might benefit from this program, please call the VON at 1 800 743-6255 or call the Minden Centre at 286-6031.

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All proceeds will go towards much needed Hospital equipment. Tickets are just $6 per person, and Coffee, Tea, Dessert, and Prizes will be offered.

Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Flight Of The Falcon

Chris Boyce Had An Iq Of 142, But That Didn't Deter Him From Spending Half His Life In Prison, As Max Haines Relates In Crime Flashback

CHRISTOPHER BOYCE was born in 1952 with every advantage in life. His father, Charles, was a retired FBI career man employed as a securities executive in southern California. The upper-middle-class Boyces owned their own comfortable home in Palos Verdes. Chris, the eldest of the nine Boyce children, grew up adhering to strict Christian values. He served as an altar boy and at one time gave serious thought to entering the priesthood.

After graduating from high school, Chris, who had an IQ of 142, attended three different colleges, but the boy who showed so much promise seemed to be having difficulty finding himself. His chief interest was falconry.

Chris Boyce was no spoiled sun child whose deepest thought was whether the Pacific tide was in or out. He pondered the plight of the world and, in particular, the moral fibre upon which the United States was founded. He questioned the ideology of his country's leaders.

Chris decided to get a job and delay his education for a year. His father discussed the matter of his employment with an acquaintance who worked at TRW Systems Group. Mr. Boyce's friend got Chris a job. Within months, the 21-year-old Chris, whose previous job experience consisted of being a waiter, janitor, delivery boy and pizza cook, had a sensitive position with TRW Systems. He received top security clearance from the Defence Dept. and the CIA.

SPACE SATELLITES

Chris worked in the Top Secret communications room at TRW, manufacturers of space satellites used to spy on Russia. He intercepted messages between CIA stations and realized that Canada, Australia, Britain and the U.S. were partners in eavesdropping facilities hooked into space satellites. He also believed the U.S. used its influence to rig elections and initiate coups in Third World countries. Chris' experience in the communications room served to fortify his growing belief that his own country's political, diplomatic and military leaders were drawing the U.S. into nuclear war.

Chris ridiculed the supposed tight security surrounding his sensitive job. He had no difficulty passing guards on periodic visits for liquor, which he brought into the communications room for his boss. Files which were supposed to be blended into pulp each day were often left hanging around for days. The blending machine was sometimes used to mix daiquiris.

Daulton Lee and Chris Boyce had been friends since they were kids. They had helped serve mass as altar boys and they were school chums at Falos Verdes High School. However, Daulton was not the deep thinker that his buddy was. He had some interest in falconry, and it was this hobby which cemented the friendship.

Although Daulton wasn't a great student, he had entrepreneurial skills. Soon after he was called upon to make a marijuana delivery, he realized how much money there was to be made in drugs. Daulton Lee, son of a respected doctor, became a drug dealer. By 1973, his business was profitable to the tune of $1,500 per week. He moved out of his parents' home and led a life which included dope, women and parties. Meanwhile, Chris Boyce was pulling down $140 per week at TRW.

The entire intelligence gathering organization of the U.S. was given the code name "Byeman." Chris, working in the nerve centre of the entire operation, was privy to the innermost workings of Byeman. He also received cryptic clearance from the National Security Agency, giving him access to the U.S.'s top-secret espionage activities.

In time, Chris told his friend Daulton about the sensitive nature of his work. The conversation soon led to an infamous partnership. Chris would provide the secret documents. Daulton, who often went to Mexico City on drug business, would act as courier and deliver the documents to the Russian Embassy. Daulton, who had developed an expensive heroin habit, was a willing accomplice.

The first contact with the Russian Embassy in April 1975 in Mexico City went off without a hitch. The Russians were interested. After preliminary details were worked out, a steady supply of top secret U.S. documents was passed from Chris (Code Name Falcon) to Daulton to the Russian Embassy. On most occasions, Daulton walked away with a stack of $100 bills, about $3,000 to $5,000.

Daulton visited the embassy often in the following 12 months. He decided to rip off his partner, Chris. He never split evenly what the Russians gave him. When Chris found out, the two friends argued, but deliveries to the Russian Embassy continued.

Toward the end of 1976, Chris decided to make one last delivery in person to the Embassy after resigning from his job. He planned on continuing his interrupted education. Things didn't go well. Daulton was spotted outside the Embassy by Mexican police. They thought he was a criminal and didn't believe he was an American tourist as he initially claimed. The Russians would have nothing to do with him.

Coincidentally, about a week earlier, a Mexican policeman had been murdered on the streets. Unfortunately, Daulton had a postcard depicting the very street where the policeman met his death. The postcard, as well as documents marked top secret, made Daulton a very suspicious character indeed. For a week, Mexican detectives questioned and tortured Daulton. Although he denied killing the police officer, he did tell his interrogators partial truths about receiving top secret documents from Chris Boyce back in

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California.

Mexican authorities contacted FBI agents attached to the American Embassy. Daulton admitted dealing with the Russians and told them his supplier of secrets was Chris Boyce. Daulton was delivered to the international border and deported across the line of the U.S. In due course, the Falcon was picked up by FBI agents. He readily confessed his espionage activities.

On Jan. 26, 1977, Christopher Boyce and Daulton Lee were formally charged with eight counts of espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage. If convicted, they could receive the death penalty. Both pleaded not guilty, but were found guilty on all eight counts.

During their trials, it was obvious Chris' warped motive had been disillusionment with his country's leaders and their politics, while Daulton had committed his crimes solely for money. Daulton Lee was sentenced to life imprisonment. The day after he was incarcerated, his father, Dr. Lee, died of stomach cancer. Chris Boyce, then 24, was sentenced to 40 years imprisonment.

After spending some time in the Metropolitan Correctional Institute in San Diego, Chris was transferred to a prison in Lampoc. One night, in the winter of 1980, Chris watched fascinated as Clint Eastwood, in the movie Escape From Alcatraz, managed to make a dummy of himself and break out of prison while guards believed he was sleeping. The germ of escape was planted in Christopher Boyce's mind.

On Jan. 21, 1980, Chris Boyce engineered a dramatic escape. He constructed a dummy, concealed himself and scaled a prison. With the aid of garden shears, he cut the barbed wire atop the wall. The Falcon's escape caused great consternation within the CIA. Here was a confessed espionage agent who might very well attempt to reach Russia. There was even suspicion that the KGB had orchestrated his prison break.

PERSONABLE, INTELLIGENT

For a year and a half he remained at large, sometimes assisted by new friends and acquaintances. Everyone who met Chris found him a personable, intelligent young man.

Authorities looked for him in Mexico, Costa Rica, South Africa, Italy, the Philippines, South America and Canada. All leads, mostly those of informants who had met Chris in prison, proved useless.

All the while, the Falcon never left the U.S. Chris made his way to Idaho. Here he made new friends. He acquired a .357 magnum. With the help of a friend, he learned the bank robbing business and discovered he was extremely good at it. He wore makeup to disguise his appearance and purchased different cars frequently.

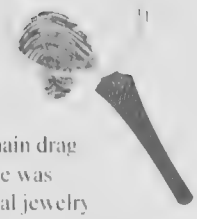
Alone and with confederates, he successfully robbed 16 banks in Idaho, Montana and Washington. With the proceeds, Chris was able to outfit a boat and even take flying lessons. The Falcon was about to be issued his pilot's licence when one of his confederates informed authorities of his true identity. The Falcon's plan to fly up the west coast to Russia was abruptly aborted.

In Port Angeles, Wash., Boyce was taken into custody. The 19-month hunt was over. In April 1982, Chris received a total of 25 years imprisonment for crimes committed while he was a fugitive.

The movie The Falcon And The Snowman was based on the exploits of Chris Boyce and Andrew Daulton Lee. Timothy Hutton played Boyce. Sean Penn played Lee. Lee was paroled in 1998. Boyce was paroled in March 2003, after spending more than a quarter of a century in prison.

CHRISTOPHER BOYCE, in the1981 photo (pg. 28), is being transferred to a medical facility in Missouri due to a prison fast.

Who Dun-It



Case of the Jewellery Theft

Detective Irondale was strolling down the main drag enjoying a day off, when he noticed that there was commotion and police cars in front of the local jewelry store. Playing with the tip of his moustache with thoughtful curiosity, he eased past the group of onlookers and in to the store "Good morning sir," said Constable Minden. "What brings you here?"

"I was just passing by and decided to see what's up. What happened here?"

"I'm just about to get Mr. Jeweler here to repeat his story now. You are free to listen in," said the constable

Mr. Jeweler described his experience."I was in the back office when I heard the bell ring. I came out to greet the customer, and there was this big burly man, very well dressed coming towards me. I asked him if I could help him and he came toward the register and pulled a gun out of his pocket. He made me open the register and give him the money. I'd just done a deposit so there wasn't much money in the till. He didn't really get mad, but he pulled some rope out and tied my hands together and made me lie on the floor over there beside the side counter with my face to the wall.

"It was pretty tight, there's not much room. Then I hear him opening the wood panels here on the lower part of the counter. Of course he finds nothing here because I only keep supplies there Then he stepped over to the ring counter, smashes the glass and pulls out a little Crown Royal bag and puts all the rings in it. Then he ran out. I got up, saw the broken glass and called the cops right away.

"Don't you have your display glass wired to an alarm?" inquired Irondale.

"I never got around to it. It's insured anyway."

"Well thank you for your info, Mr. Jeweler," said Minden as he closed his notebook. "We'll check around and let you know when we make an arrest."

"I think you can make an arrest right now," whispered Irondale quietly

Who does Detective Irondale suspect and why?

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Hike Haliburton Festival A Walk in the Park!!

The Second Annual Hike Haliburton Festival ("Hike Haliburton For Body And Sole"), organized by Trails and Tours, attracted hundreds of hardy souls to this year's wildly diverse and fascinating array of events. The success was even more impressive given the driving wind, rain, and even sleet that visited the Highlands for a good portion of the Festival. "Come hell or high water" seemed to be the theme for these soggy, but truly rewarding encounters with nature, history, science, art, life, and a whole bunch of good-natured companions

Here's how a sampling of how the events unfolded

Gooderham's storyteller supreme Cliff Stoughton started things off Friday morning at 9 sharp with a strenuous hike up Greens Mountain. As youngsters Cliff and his friends used to climb the mountain to visit and talk with the fire warden. And for teenagers the mountaintop, with its great views, was a favourite trysting and courting destination. Now past 70, Cliff apparently managed to outdistance most of the hikers with ease.

At noon Sunny Rock B&B owners Sally Moore and Jan Clarke hosted the Finnish History Ramble, a fascinating tour of the Scotts Dam/Canning Lake area. The original Sunny Rock Lodge was built by Finnish cottagers in 1928, although the Finnish history of the area goes back almost to the turn of the century. For almost 40 years this community of Finns, the Konnis, Saarimakis, and Kounis, among others, built Scandinavian style lodges and cottages for themselves and their guests.

Later on Friday Arts Council Co-ordinator, educator and storyteller Jim Blake led a merry band of art lovers through the Sculpture Forest in Glebe Park. This "Walk on the Right Side of the Brain" tour was a magical way to view the sometimes-startling sculptures deep in the woods. What with Jim's stories and evocative introductions to the pieces of art, no one seemed to care about the gentle rain.

On Saturday, Qigong Practitioner Lynda Shadbolt led another hardy group in the Walk (or Wheel), Lunch and Stretch for your Health event in the Tranquility Trail Labyrinth and Healing Park overlooking Grass Lake.

Later on Saturday Sean Pennylegion, a guide interpreter at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, led a brave and determined group down the Peterson Trail in search of the elusive Harburn Wells. These distinct and mysterious – natural rock formations were formed literally millions of years ago as the glaciers receded. Sean had been to the Wells just once before, so there were a few moments when some of the faithless wondered if we'd get there, at least today. But sure enough, the hike was a great success: the wells were found, duly admired, and the rain even held off until the very end.

The Hike Haliburton event is simply a great addition to the county's calendar, and as usual made possible only through the hard work and vision of volunteers. If you'd like to join Trails and Tours as a member, or get involved in their programs, head straight for the web at www.trailsandtours.com for complete information.

In Priase of Wolves and R.D. Lawrence

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library invite you to "In Praise of Wolves and R. D. Lawrence" — an evening with Sharon Lawrence at the Glamorgan Community Centre in Gooderham on Friday, November 5 at 7:00 pm.

Sharon is a great storyteller and will share some of the magic moments with her late husband, Ron Lawrence, the well-known author, teacher, and naturalist.

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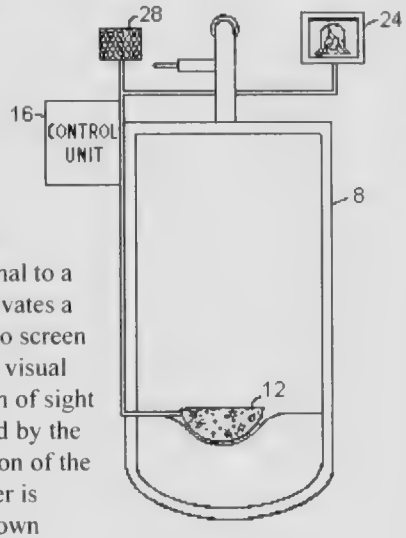

Clog the Night Away In Wilberforce!!

Clogging, an authentic and distinctive form of folk dance, will be offered Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

All ages - males and females welcome! Cost is only a loonie. Come on out and give it a try – and dance the night away.

Pictured below are cloggers, l-r, Janice Crawford, Bonnie Macausland, Dawn Boland, Colleen Riley and Gerda Goverde..

Photo by Shawn Welsh

Heritage Christmas Celebration

Old fashioned holiday cheer & activities is what awaits all who attend this year's Heritage Christmas Celebration talking place November 27 – 28 at the Minden Museum.

Events take place each day from noon to 4 p.m. each day. In addition to seasonal treats, there will be a group of vendors to help you with your Christmas shopping. Other great events are planned. So don't miss out.

Be sure to attend Sunday evening's special Christmas Carol Program. Blend your voice with the others to sing the season's songs on the Sunday starting at 7 – 9 p.m. Candle-light completes the traditional decor.

Voluntary collection taken. For more information contact Carol Simmons at 286-3154

Geneology Meeting ... Show & Tell Night

The regular General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will take place upstairs at the Minden Legion on Wednesday, November 10. Doors open 6pm; election of the 2005 Executive 6:30pm; the fun part of the evening - "Bring An Ancestor" starts at 7pm. This is a "Show & Tell" session - bring a photo, artifact, memento, a story to share ... or just come and listen. No charge - everyone welcome. For more information, contact Gail Leach-Wunker 705-286-2225.

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Art Going on the Auction Block

More than 50 pieces of art will be going on the auction block later this month.

The occasion is the first annual "Arts Exposed...A Cultural Affair" art auction sponsored by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation. The auction is scheduled for November 19 at the Minden Community Centre.

"We have been delighted with the response from Artists within the county and beyond," Foundation Chair Sylvia Rose said. "Everyone has been so supportive of the organization and the cause."

The Foundation was recently established to support the arts in Minden Hills and the Haliburton Highlands. Its first objective is to raise $45,000 to assist with the expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. The art auction is just one of a number of events planned by the foundation to reach its goal.

Most of the well-known artists in the Highlands have contributed a piece to the auction. The work includes pottery, paintings, wire sculpture, fabric art and blacksmith art, among others. There are a variety of other prizes including CDs, tickets to local theatre, gift certificates for a massage and much more.

"Arts Exposed...A Cultural Affair", is a social evening out as well as an auction. The admission includes a wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment and a chance to purchase some of the best art produced in the Highlands.... all wrapped up in an evening of fun. There will be many items on the silent auction table, a Loonie auction and a live auction. Participants will also be able to win a prize by bursting a balloon to claim the prize inside.

Tickets for "Arts Exposed...A Cultural Affair" are available from Foundation directors or by calling 286-3913. The cost is just $10 in advance, $15 at the door. The hall opens at 6 p.m. with the auction starting at 7 p.m.

The Foundation has also launched a project to "sell" each of the 2000 square feet of the addition to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. The name of each purchaser of a square foot will be noted in a book that will be on display at the gallery. The donors will also receive an embossed certificate in appreciation of the contribution. "Many people have been buying them as Christmas presents or as unique gifts for their children or grandchildren," Foundation Board Member Wayne Rose commented. "The certificate is particularly popular when framed and presented as a gift to someone special. It makes a interesting keepsake and memento. Each square foot of the new addition is being sold for $20.

Those attending "Arts Exposed...A Cultural Affair" will also have an opportunity to purchase square feet and assist in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery expansion.

Artist Slide Show and Talk

Summer passes and winter comes...a view from a Taiwanese artist, Frances Leu. What is it like to learn art in Taiwan and then in Canada? Listen and find the similarities - or differences at this upcoming show, November 20 (Saturday)1-3 pm at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Call 286-3763 for more information.

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St. Peter's Church - A Century Of Worship

by Stephen Patrick

Throughout Haliburton County the rugged landscape of forest, rocks and lakes is routinely softened and put into perspective by the many tiny, beautiful churches that are perhaps the most enduring legacy of our settler past. These little sentinels of faith and hope were often the first solid signs of community. The little schools might signal a belief in the future, but the churches told the world "we're here to stay."

St. Peter's Church, Maple Lake, is on the eve of its centenary and preparations are already underway for the celebration. The first St. Peter's church was a rough, frame building completed in 1887 on land donated by Richard Dawson. The first service was held on St. Peter's Day, June 29th, of that year. The congregation and the community prospered and by the turn of the century a larger, and warmer church was needed. In October 1901, the Rt. Reverend Bishop Sweatman laid the foundation stone.

Lack of funds delayed further work until the determined enthusiasm of the local Anglican community, and a gift of $400 from the Women's Auxiliary of Toronto, allowed work to proceed in 1905. The congregation was fortunate in having John Henry Billing, a skilled stonemason, as a member. The entire congregation helped Mr. Billing with donations of pine timber, transporting stones from the nearby hill and bringing sand and gravel from the river.

On the shores of Maple Lake, William Welch burned the limestone into lime in a kiln. This was used as mortar for the stonework. Brothers Eldon and Arthur Dawson assisted Billing as the new stone church gradually took shape. Billing was a true craftsman, and something of a perfectionist. He always refused, for example, to erect a building on anyone else's foundation. His church, which a 100 years later is as solid as the year it was built, is testament to Billing's devotion.

Some of the material in the old church was used in the new, including the old Church bell which still hangs today in the little stone belfry.

St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1906, saw the Reverend Mr. Carey officially open the new church by administering the Holy Communion to the faithful congregation. The names of the charter members of the Parish reflected the area's earliest settlers: Dawson, Welch, Ferguson, Sisson, Gibbs, Redner, Morrison, Barry, Taylor, and Thompson. The occasion was made even happier by the absence of any debt. The congregation – and the Toronto ladies – had paid for it all.

That same summer the first annual church picnic was held: these picnics were to become an institution through the years for both permanent and summer residents. In 1910 John Billing built the concrete and stone fence that runs parallel to the road and lake. The male parishioners took to using the fence as a convenient bench to trade stories before and after services. Billing disapproved – he thought they might damage his fence – so he capped it with rough globs of concrete as a deterrent. In any event, the fence has survived perfectly intact to this day.

For the last 60 years the St. Peter's Anglican Church Women have hosted an annual Thanksgiving Dinner for which the church has become famous.

The beauty of this little church has drawn visitors and the faithful from far and wide throughout the years. Well known Toronto architect Bruce Napier Simpson Jr., who bought the original home of John and Charity Billing on Blagdon Hill in Stanhope Township, was a parishioner and is buried here.

On the occasion of St. Peter's 50th anniversary in 1955 then Rector Reverend James F. O'Neil wrote, "We are so proud of our little church which is built of stone. It is a reminder that ours is a faith founded upon the Rock, which is Christ. In that faith we go forward as a family dedicated to the purposes of God."

The congregation and its community are looking forward to next year's celebrations – and to another century of worship and service on the shores of Maple Lake.

The Smallest Country in the World...

The **State of the City of the Vatican** (commonly known also as Vatican City) is the smallest independent country in the world (both in area and in population), a landlocked enclave surrounded by the city of Rome in Italy. "**The Vatican**" is the home of the Pope, and forms the territory of the Holy See, the central authority of the Roman Catholic Church.

Vatican City weighs in at a mere 0.17 miles – so as you can see, it clearly holds the title of being the smallest country in the world.

Prior to 1870, however, political control by papal governments in central Italy spanned approximately 16.000 square miles. In 1870, the Kingdom of Italy, in a shift of political power, established Rome as the national capital of Italy, wrested political power from the papal governments, and absorbed the so-called "Papal States" into its territory.

Pope John Paul II

A 1929 Agreement hammered out by the Italian government and the Pope, established Vatican City as a country... all 0.17 square miles of it! Gradually the country has gained recognition as such, by establishing diplomatic ties with other countries, and by receiving dignitaries from other nations.

Vatican City is the official seat of the Catholic Church, and its head, the Pope, rules through a civil governor. As with any other country, this miniature country sports its own flag, coins its own coins, runs its own postal, transportation, telephone systems, and radio broadcasting station. Vatican City is all grown up.

This pint-size powerhouse of a country primarily supports itself through contributions from Catholics around the world, (known as Peter's Pence) , and through tourism - the sale of postage stamps, coins and tourist mementos, fees for admission to museums, and the sale of publications.

Safely ensconced within Vatican City lie some of the worlds' most precious of treasures; the Gardens, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Vatican Palace, which houses the Vatican Library, and...the Pope himself.

Almost all of Vatican City's 890 citizens live inside the Vatican's walls. The Vatican citizenry consists mostly of clergy, including high dignitaries, priests, nuns, as well as the famous Swiss Guard, a voluntary military force. There are also about 3,000 lay workers who comprise the majority of the Vatican work force, but who reside outside the Vatican.

The Vatican City includes the Vatican Hill (*mons vaticanus*), whose name predates Christianity, and the Vatican Fields north of the hill, upon which St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, and the Vatican Museums are built.

The reigning Pope is Pope John Paul II, who was elected at the age of 58 in 1978. He is the first non-Italian to be elected to the Pontificate since Adrian VI was briefly pope in 1522-23.

Did you know:

Pope is derived from the Greek word *pappas*, "father".

The title "Pope" is an informal one; the formal title of the Pope is: "Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the State of the Vatican City, Servant of the Servants of God" - although this is rarely seen or used in full. (What a mouthfull!!)

Dining and Entertainment

Red Umbrella Inn

You'll Want To Reserve Your Spot At The Red Umbrella Inn's Restaurant

Kim Tustin sure has the right attitude for a resort and restaurant owner. As she puts it: "I always hope that the guests coming in the door are as nice as the ones that just left", she says, "and you know what? They almost always are!"

Kim & Rick Tustin

Kim and her husband Rick are the owners of the Red Umbrella Inn on 12 Mile Lake north of Minden. They bought their "dream property" in 1994 and soon set about to make the Inn and its Restaurant a quality Haliburton destination. Rick, a chef and restaurant professional for many years, immediately saw the potential of the Inn's comfortable dining room overlooking the lake.

The Red Umbrella is an adult oriented facility that prides itself on being "very pet friendly". It boasts "Victorian Rooms" in the main Inn, as well as cabins and luxurious "Jacuzzi Suite" cottages by the lake. It's open year round, and all rates include full breakfast and full dinner.

The great news is that you don't have to be a guest to enjoy what the restaurant has to offer it is open to outside guests - although reservations are requested.

Why are the Red Umbrella's guests so happy? The restaurant is for sure a major reason. The dinner menu starts off simply with New York Strip Loins, Back Ribs and Grilled Chicken, but every day Chef Rick offers specials ranging from Seafood Alfredo to Beef Stroganoff, Poached Pickerel and Stuffed Rainbow Trout. On Friday nights a full buffet is offered, and on Saturday nights the featured dish is Prime Rib with Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings.

For many 12 Mile and Boshkung Lake cottagers, the Red Umbrella's famous Sunday Brunch is a truly special event. Rick and Kim serve up to 200 guests each Sunday from 10 to 2 with an amazing variety of dishes. Eggs Benedict, fresh cheese om-

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elettes, and all manner of egg dishes, waffles, and French toast are just the beginning. Vegetable and meat lasagnes and a wide variety of fresh fruit and vegetables salads are next, and finally, four different varieties of sweet squares, including Nanaimo squares, round out this great brunch. And all this for the unbelievable price of $6.95. No wonder reservations are required!

Rick and Kim Tustin have made a real commitment to providing fine dining in a comfortable and warm atmosphere. Their restaurant is fully licensed and reservations can be made at 489-2462, or at 1-800 461-0316.

The Cottages at Red Umbrella Inn

Home Support Christmas Luncheon an Event Not To Miss – Everyone Welcome To Attend

In Haliburton:

Great food, great entertainment and a great social that is what you will find if you join Haliburton Home Support for their Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Haliburton Legion on November 30 at 12:30.

You will enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by the Home Support staff & volunteers.

In addition to a great meal, you will be entertained with Christmas music, performed by Gord Kidd and Rick Pringle.

In Minden:

This social event is repeated In Minden, but with a different menu and entertainment. You are invited to join the great people of Home Support in Minden on December 1st at 12:30pm at the Minden United Church.

Enjoy a mouth watering ham dinner with all the fixin's prepared by the UCW ladies.

An added bonus - the entertainment for this event will be The Gentlemen of Song.

The cost for each luncheon is only $12.00 per person per event. You can attend just one, or why not both! Tickets are available through the Home Support Office in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. You can come by and pick up your tickets or you can order them over the phone with your Visa or Mastercard (705-457-2941). Tickets are now available. Everyone is welcome to attend these events.

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Daniel Ricart has many years' experience with restaurants and hotels in France, England and Canada. Stephane Camus has just arrived in Canada from the celebrated Hotel Martinez in Cannes.

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The arty party takes place Thursday, November 25 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the new campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College

Things to know:

It's Potluck – What to bring? A dish that will serve four-six people would be great.

A casserole, salad, bread, buns, appetizers, vegetables and dip, cheese, cookies, a pie – all contributions welcome. Organizers will provide the serving spoons/utensils. It's an Arty Party – creativity welcome (but not required). Please label your dish (name and phone number) in case you and your dish get separated. Please bring food that can be served "as is". They don't have the facilities to reheat dishes. Tea, coffee, water will be provided. There will be a display table for your brochures and flyers for your services and events.

Approximate schedule:

5:30 – 6:00 Mix and Mingle; 6:00 - 6:15 Official welcome and a little speechifying; 6:15 – 7:00 Dinner; 7:00 – 7:15 Musical interlude and 7:15 – 8:30 Mix and Mingle.

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Willow Beach Cottages: Taking Winter Business Serious

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The land on which Willow Beach Cottages comfortably sits has a long and happy history. Trapper James Holland and family settled the land in 1861 on the site on an old Algonquin Indian camp. Ninety years later, his grandson Morris converted part of the land into a cottage rental business that eventually became Willow Beach.

Don & Marie Gage

Today the resort is proudly owned by Don and Marie Gage, who bought the property in 1996. They are only the fourth owners in the resort's history, following Bob and Joan Stinson in the 1970s and Gerry Klein and Lorna McMaster in the 1980s. Willow Beach has been fortunate in that each successive owner has taken great pride in upgrading and improving the resort.

Don says, "we've been the lucky beneficiaries of a wonderful history, and some caring and forward looking predecessors."

Don and Marie Gage are yet another Haliburton couple who've made a significant life and work change years before retirement. In the early 1990s, Don was an Information Technology Manager at Canada Trust in London, ON, and Marie was running the Occupational Therapy department at a London Hospital. When the nineties recession hit they decided not to wait around until the good times returned.

The resort business had always appealed to them, and after a lot of false starts and dead ends, they discovered Willow Beach. On August 2nd, 1996 they officially took over, right in the middle of the busiest time of the year. Happily, the Kleins did all they could to make the transition as pleasant and seamless as possible, continuing the tradition at Willow Beach of helping your successor to succeed.

Since then the Gages, along with their two children, Lisa and Martin have devoted their time to bringing Willow Beach into the 21st century. Like most cottage resorts they inherited many long-time guests, but they were determined not to rely on the old. They've done serious work on all the accommodations, with new siding on all, a wheelchair-accessible cottage and a Jacuzzi suite. They've even added a spa building with an eight-person hot tub, exercise room, and sauna.

Don and Marie have also devoted a great deal of time and energy to Internet marketing, a move that is paying dividends already. And they also decided to take winter business very seriously. They market all of Haliburton's winter wonders and activities as aggressively as they can. Willow Beach is ideally situated for winter with easy access to the Nordic Trail system and the snowmobile trails. They also boast a night-lit rink on the lake for skaters (where they might want to join their host Don, a keen amateur hockey player, for a game of shinny.)

Both Don and Marie have thrown themselves into Haliburton life with impressive energy and enthusiasm. Don is on the Executive of Trails and Tours and is currently President of the Nordic Trails Association.
Marie is President of the SIRCH Board of Directors and is on the Management Board of U-Links. And she's still a practising Occupational Therapist.

Willow Beach offers seven two-bedroom cottages, four three-bedroom and one four-bedroom. Each has a full-size kitchen including a microwave oven and a propane barbeque on the deck. Each is fully winterized with a wood-burning fireplace. In summer the resort offers a really wide range of land activities ranging from horseshoes to basketball to billiards and badminton, and a full range of water craft: kayaks, canoes and fishing boats.

The Gages don't regret their life-changing move for a single minute. When they bought Willow Beach, their children were just 11 and 13, so the whole family has become a part of the

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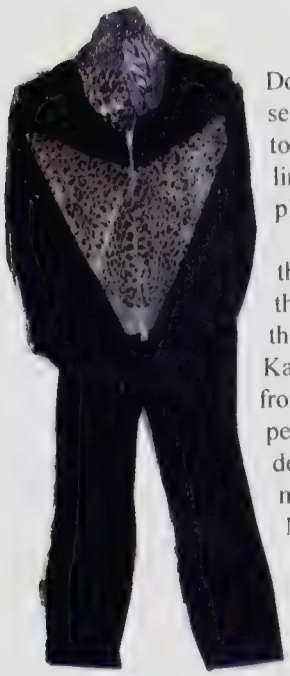
Dessert & Coffee Fashion Show

A Fundraiser With Flare!



Don't just come for the delicious dessert and tasty coffee, you will want to see the unique and captivating line of clothing for all sizes taking place Sunday, November 21.

Presented by Home Support with the help of My Size in Minden, this fashion show will take place at the Bonnie View Inn on Lake Kashagawigamog in Haliburton from 1-4pm. The cost is $15.00 per person and includes fashion show, dessert & coffee, and entertainment by the Hot Flashes. Gord Monk will be the official M.C.

My Size offers wonderful clothing for all sizes and ages. So if you are looking for something for Christmas or New Years, you won't want to miss this Fashion Show.

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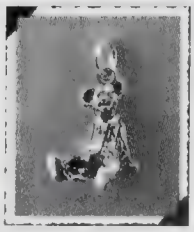

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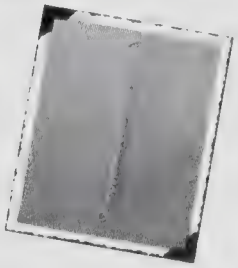

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November Rocks with the Canoe FM on November 13. This day marks the 2nd Annual Dinner, Dance, and Silent Auction at the Haliburton Legion, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Get a jump on Christmas with the Silent Auction. Enjoy dancing to the live music of the Edgar Wiley Band. Don't miss out. Tickets available at Canoe FM, Henwood's Variety, and Gramma's Fish and Chips in Minden. The cost is $25 per person. All proceeds to support Canoe FM.

Crafty Christmas Sale

Get a jump on Christmas shopping by visiting the Gooderham 4th Annual Crafty Christmas Sale being held Saturday, November 13 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m at the Gooderham Community Centre.

20+ vendors will fill the Gooderham Community Centre featuring baking, baskets, books by R.D. Lawrence, ceramics, folk art, jewelry, pillows, photography and many other crafts.

Hot lunch served 12:00 to 2:00 . For more information contact Elva Bates at 447-2977. This event is sponsored by the Gooderham Community Action Group

Plan To Visit The Agnes Jamieson Gallery's Members' Show

The Agnes Jamison Gallery is the place to visit during Nov. 24 to Dec. 18. This is the Gallery's Members' Show where all members are encouraged to bring their best pieces for display.

One artist who shows true talent and promise will be awarded a scholarship towards arts courses on behalf of the Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Call 286-3763 for more information.

Fusion Exhibition At Agnes Jamieson Gallery

There is still time to catch the juried travelling exhibition of handracfted work in clay by members of FUSION, The Ontario Clay and Glass Association. The exhibition, entitled Fireworks is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden until Nov. 20.

I'm in my own little world, but that's Okay... they know me here.

Willow Beach Cottages Cont'd....

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resort. When they were teenagers the youngsters learned all about the business, how to deal with guests, how to run a day care program, how to fix things when they go wrong ... in other words, all the challenges resort management brings.

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TRY IT!!! – Everyone Will Be On November 20th

Everyone is invited to come out to the Minden Arena from 10am - 4pm on November 20th and TRY IT!!!

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There will be free snacks and draw prizes. The day includes Tai Chi & Yoga demonstrations; presentations from hockey clubs, ski clubs, snowshoeing clubs, Trails and Tours, Square Dancing, and a Cross Training demo with Kathey Carey is just a sample of what events and guests are lined up for this event. There is even a free Jingle Bell Skate to end the day (2-4pm). For more info, call 705-489-4049

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THE PIPE LINE

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Hello again, have you noticed how quiet it gets after Thanksgiving? I don't mean just after dinner when everyone hides until the dishes are done, I mean on the roads and lakes in "The Highlands". Where did everyone go? Back to the city I suppose. Maybe 6 months of frozen isolation doesn't appeal to some people, to each his own. For us year round residents this might be the time to catch up on projects around our own houses. You know that thing you were going to build or fix but were just too busy building or fixing someone else's. Maybe this is your chance. You could get right at it and tackle a couple long standing items on your "to do" list. Yep you certainly could do that.

The trouble for me is that most of the ambition needed to do these things seems to have left with the tourists and for all I know, may not come back until next year.

I really wanted to fix that leak in the garage but I can't do it when it's raining and when it's not raining I don't need to. It has always been my intention to repair the steps in the back yard, I was really tired of looking at them so now I just don't go back there.

Its not that I don't want to have a nice home, and I know its not because I'm lazy, sometimes you just have to take the time to smell the roses which I promise to plant right after hunting season. It's been said that the man who is truly happy is satisfied with what he's got. Not true. The man who is truly happy has a wife who is satisfied with what she's got.

I know I'll get all those things done when work slows down but that might not be for a while, until then we'll all have to be happy with what we've got. Amen.

Why? Because ... Scientifically Speaking

Why do we drive on the right side of the road in most countries?

From the times of the first Roman roads, nobility would ruse on the left so that their swords, usually in the right hand, would be on the same side as an oncoming horseman. In order to stay out of harm's way, peasants became accustom to walking on the right. After the French revolution, it was a bad idea to be mistaken for nobility, so everyone started traveling on the right. As Napoleon conquered Europe and built the first international road system since the Romans, he adopted the convention of traveling on the right.

HELLO DEER...

By Greg Kennedy - Kennedy Forest Products
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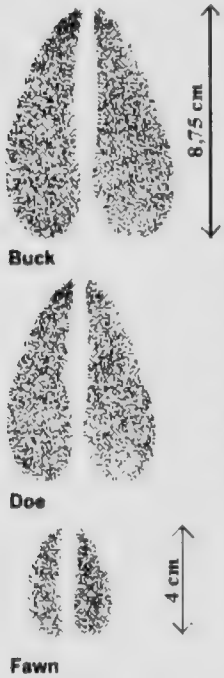
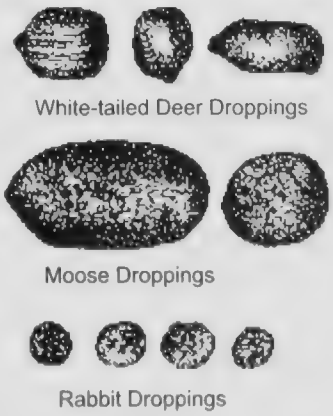
Hunting season is upon us again so this is a good time to talk about the White Tailed Deer in and around your woodlot. This has been a fairly dry fall this year meaning more logging operations carrying on where we would usually be shut down due to excessive rain. So we have hunters in the forest hunting and loggers in the forest logging- some loggers take time off to hunt, some don't. I keep on working and this causes some concern for my crew and myself because lets face it, nobody wants to go to work and have bullets flying around. Not to say that hunters are not careful but bullets do fly in the bush further than the eye may see. Hunters may also have a concern about loggers. A man walking through the bush with earmuffs and a chain saw running may not hear the cry of a hunter in a tree stand about to be cut down and hit the ground! So lets make a deal you don't shoot us and we won't cut you out of your tree stand and skid you to the landing. Deal? All kidding aside, did you know logging in your forest (PLANNED logging of course) is good for the white tailed deer? Logging opens up the canopy allowing sunlight in on the forest floor encouraging new growth creating easily accessible food for the deer, but food is not all they need. Deer also require shelter from deep snow in winter so back to planning and marking. Let your tree marker or logger know you want to enhance the deer habitat by leaving partial stands of hemlock, cedar or pine for shelter. Deer also feed on the tops of trees cut in a logging operation.



Do you have much deer activity in your forest?



What to look for: (see diagrams)

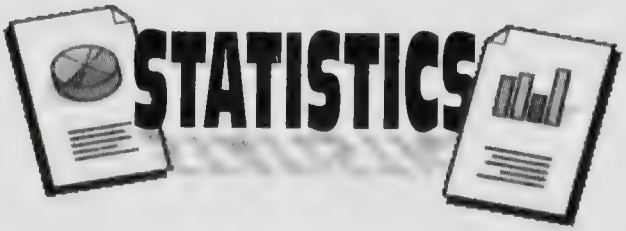
The accompaning diagrams are some signs you can look for in your bush.

Deer are reddish in summer and fall but turn greyish during winter months. During the spring and summer the white-tailed deer's diet consists of leafy material from a variety of woody plants, grasses, herbs, and forbs. It also includes such delicacies as fiddleheads, mushrooms, and blueberries. When summer's lush vegetation turns brown and dry in autumn, the deer must depend largely on the twigs and buds that are within their reach. Acorns are favourite autumn foods for white-tailed deer living in eastern Canada.So to end, lets all be careful and have good luck in what we do in and for the forest and all who live there.

Brain Quiz...

A father and his son were in a horrible car accident.The father went to a hospital and his son went to another hospital 50 miles away. When it came time to operate on the man's son the surgeon said "I cannot operate on this man because he is my son" How is this possible?

The surgeon is the boys mother



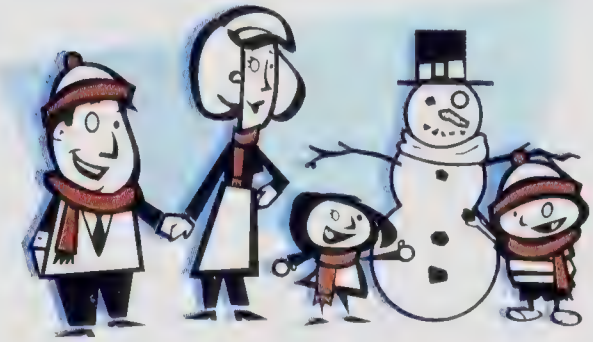
With 382,650 babies being born each day and 144,902 people dying daily, the world population increases about 237,748 people a day.

The odds against flipping a coin head's up 10 times in a row are 1,023 to 1.

Spot The Differences

Can you spot the 11 differences in these two pictures?

WINTER'S COMING...



mom's ear gone
snowman's hat is taller
dad's cuff is gone
extra button on snowman
short twig on branch missing
dad's hair is grey
top of dad's hat is all black
little girl's tongue is missing
little boy's hat is black
snowman missing one coal from mouth
stripe from boy's shoe missing

Why Not Make Friends With Winter This Year.... see pg. 20 for details!

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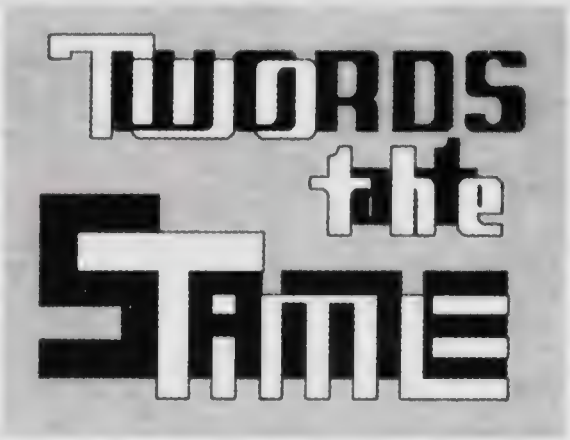

Can you read this quickly?
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There comes a time when we must take a good look and say STOP.

An Editorial About Youth & Vandilism & Crime

I know we are a good news only paper, but there also comes a time when a point must be made. I don't know about the rest of the county, but over our way in Highlands East, there seems to be an alarming and unbelievable surge in break and enters, vandalism, and blatant disrespect of private property and their owners. Whose at the helm – the youth.

It's become a sad world when kids can cause thousands of dollars worth of damage – get arrested, and within 24 hours, you see them hanging on the street corners – bragging to their peers about the wild party they all had in someone else's cottage – no remorse.

It's become a sad world when kids can vandalise your home, and when you try to talk to their parents, the parents blatantly lie to cover for their kids, rather than show them the discipline they deserve.

It's become a sad world when parents ignore the actions of their children – turning a blind eye to the wrong doings – and blaming the victims rather than the source.

It's become a sad world when we must fear our youth, instead of admire their accomplishments.

It's become a sad world when we, because of their actions, reach a point when we turn our backs on them. "Why bother.... they don't appreciate it anyway..." - but so sad for the handful that deserve our attention. They do exist, but unfortunately at the current rate, they are being so overshadowed by the bad that we forget to notice them sometimes.

It's become a sad world when the courts are filled with more youth than anything, but yet nothing seems to get through to 90% of them who are now facing their "double-digit" charge while on their "um-teenth" probation. But with no recourse probation is just another bragging right and something the youth ignore and laugh at. It's almost become "cool" to be on it, and it's not something they fear. All it amounts to is a handful of rules to break and the game of "hoping I don't get caught breaking them".

I guess we who are victims call all sit back and wait for these youth to grow up – become home owners, and laugh when they become the victims of their children and nothing is done to ease the pain of their loss – but still that doesn't help the present situation of those victimised. But rest assured, I will feel no sympathy for them when they are screaming loudly that they have been victimized – for isn't it those that do it that scream the loudest when it is done to them?

What happened to the days when grounding and making amends for your childish ways was the norm. When we were held accountable for our actions – and made by our parents to right the wrong. And the wrong of those days doesn't even seem to hold a candle to the wrongs of today. We seem to have become so afraid to punish our youth that they are now taking control of our lives.

I know the word grounding still exists in our home – and the term apology is alive and well.

It's becoming a sad world if we don't say to our kids.... STOP – and mean it.

Local Haliburton Team To Drill For Water In Guatemala

About 12 years ago a group of Texans started Living Water International (LWI). They are a group of oil drillers and business people who want to 'provide a cup of clean water in Jesus' name.'

Since then, they have provided clean drinking water to almost 1.5 million people in the Developing World. The model used is similar to that of Habitat For Humanity in that volunteers provide the labour

After air, clean water is most essential for life. People must have clean water and sanitation to maintain health. Over 30 000 children die daily from water related disease. The UN recognizes the need for clean water to be the starting point for development. The world battle against AIDS starts with administering drugs with clean water

All Canadian Team Formed Right Here In Haliburton... You can help these volunteers

In Africa, the people, the women and girls actually, walk miles a day to dirty, contaminated water holes to get the supply for their families. You would not wash your car tires with the water they use to drink. By providing clean water, you not only improve health immediately but it is the first step in freeing up women to pursue education and revenue producing work for their families.

Interested volunteers go to 'Drill Camp' in Houston, Texas to learn how to use the LS 100 drill rig. It is a totally portable drill rig that can bore in soft soil (no rocks!) down to 100 feet (about 30 m). There is an emphasis on for Central America, particularly Guatemala. It is hard, hot work but totally rewarding

Recently, the Canadian arm of Living Water International, Living Water Canada (LWC) has been set up as a registered charity. Their vision is to have our churches and community send a drill team of 6-8 volunteers per team twice a year to support this cause. Over time, a significant portion of our community will have participated and have had such short term mission experience. They have formed the first all Canadian team of 8 right here in Haliburton. They are Heather Alloway, John Beachli, Pat Casey, Barry Hart, Dwaine Lloyd, Lori Lloyd, Anthony vanLieshout and Juliane vanLieshout. In November they will travel to Houston for training and then on to Guatemala. The cost for immunization, travel to/from Houston, drill camp, travel to/from Guatemala, all ground transportation, accommodation and meals and shared of the cost of the well is around $3000 Cdn. Each individual will pay a portion up front and the rest will be covered by donations. Tax receipts will be issued.

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The winner of last month's draw for "The Get-A-Way A Couple Times for a Couple is: Michelle Douglass of Haliburton Congratulations!!

Who Dun-it Solution

Answer: Irondale suspects Mr. Jeweler himself. According to the jeweler, he was forced to lay down behind the counter. His face was to the wall and the lower wooden panels of the counter would have obstructed his view of the robbery. He said he didn't get up until after the robber was gone, so he could not have seen the robber with a Crown Royal bag. He was obviously lying.

Spot Sam The Advertising Man for your Chance to Win $50!

How would you like to win $50 cash? Well it's easy with the Communicator!

Just read all the ads and keep an eye out for Sam – The advertising man. We will be hiding a few Sams in various ads throughout the publication, so look for more than one. Once you think you have found all the Sams you can, write down how many you spotted, in what ads, the publication date, your name, address and telephone number, and mail them, email them or fax them to the Highlands Communicator.

The first correct answer pulled from entries received wins $50! It's that easy and it's fun too!

There were 10 sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads: Minden Live Bait and Tackle, Master's Book Store, Varty Jewellery, Sid Stamp Fuels, Emmerson Lumber, Barry Miscio Contracting, Scott Welch Windows & Doors, Highland Junction, Pro Carpet and Highland Cleaning Service.

The winner of last month's Spot Sam contest is Joyce Emmerson of Haliburton

Win A Night Away For Two

How would you like to win... Accomodations for Two for One Luxurious Night At Willow Beach Cottages...

How to win?... We did a feature story on Willow Beach Cottages
Answer the followin questions pertaining to the story and each correct entry will be eligable for the grand prize of accomodatoins for two for one night.

Willow Beach Cottages - pg. 40 & 43
1: What trails are they ideally suitated for?
2: When did Don & Marie buy the property?
3: How many cottages do they have?

Send in your entries along with your name, address & phone number to:
Willow Beach Contest
c/o The Communicator
Box 332 Wilberforce, Ont. K0L 3C0
or email: buttermilk@thecommunicator.ca

What is Asperger Syndrome?

People with Asperger Syndrome understand language differently. Due to a language learning disability they may have difficulty expressing and controlling emotions, understanding relationships, and interacting socially.

Every student diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome is unique, and some can function in the school system better than others.

Students with Asperger Syndrome generally appear normal, have normal intelligence, and are just as eager to make friends and fit in as the next person. They often seem shy and reserved and can be the target of teasing due to their vulnerability. Sometimes they respond inappropriately due to a literal interpretation of directions. They frequently find social situations and transitions very stressful.

We are working together in Trillium Lakelands School Board to make school a positive experience for every student. Parents, if you have a child diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome Please attend an information and sharing Meeting on Wednesday, November 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Board Office.

For more information contact Karoul or Deb at (705) 457-1980.

Please help us Help Your Child.

PARENTS

Help us to help your child with
ASPERGER SYNDROME

INFORMATION AND SHARING MEETING
Wednesday, November 10, 5:30 p.m.
Haliburton Education Centre

For more information
call Karoul or Deb at (705) 457-1980

Refreshments!
Free draw for Geneva Centre Membership!

Trillium Lakelands District School Board

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
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House For Rent... Yeah Right...

Taking highrise to a new meaning. This picture sent in by a reader goes to show that people will go to "new heights" to attract attention. Hope the resident isn't a sleepwalker - that first step could hurt.

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Thank You

Joanne and Brett Irvine would like to thank each and every person who helped make our wedding day on October 2, so terrific.

Special thank you and lots of love to our wonderful Minister, Yvonne Kendrick who performed the most wonderful and truly unique ceremony that will never be forgotten. Yes, I've never seen a singing minister until now, and it was fantastic. Thank you to Alf Kendrick for capturing it all on sound tape, and providing the equipment so that everyone could hear what was being said & sung.

Thank you to our piper, Barry Martin who led everyone down the aisle.

Special thank you to the ladies at Magic Touch in Haliburton for making the bride & mother-in-law look and feel wonderful. It was an enjoyable day at your shop - one could easily get used to the pampering you gals give at Magic Touch.

If you need catering, I highly recommend Can Q. Inc., and we thank them for the best dinner ever. The food was beyond unbelievable, and all our guests raved. Wonderful catering job guys...

Special thanks to the wonderful folk at Parkway Party Rental in Peterborough for the delicious chocolate fountain - for anyone with an upcoming event, I highly recommend this added feature it was a huge hit. I also thank this company for all their help in making our event complete with fountains, table coverings, and all the little extras.

A huge thank you to Ya Baby's. You guys rock, and you had that dance floor packed from the first strum of a guitar to the last beat of the drum. Everyone loved you guys!!

Thank you to Elvis Impersonator Joe Fisher for warming the crowd up prior to dinner.

Huge thank you to Greg Kennedy for capturing it all on video, and to Betty Jo Parent & Chris Morton for capturing it all on film.

Huge Huge Huge thank you to Betty for covering the bar. Everyone appreciated that one. You don't see free bars that often anymore. It was great. Thanks to the ladies at the Wilberforce LCBO, and also Craig & Tammy at the Wilberforce IGA for all your help with food & drink etc.

Gigantic thank you to the Highlands East Fire Department for manning the bar. You guys did a fantastic job and we appreciate all of you. And thank you to John Waugh for picking everything up on Saturday- muchly appreciated, believe me.

Thank you to Sherrie Siebarth for coming to the hotel and doing all the gals hair. They all looked beautiful.

Thank you to St. George's Anglican Church for allowing us to have our ceremony at this beautiful location. The decorations were an added bonus.

Thank you to Sandy McElwain for being there to record the music so we have something to listen to for years to come.

Thank you to Haliburton V & S for helping us with all the extras if you need party supplies, be sure to talk to Annette at the V & S, you will be surprised at what she can get you to make your special occasion perfect.

Thank you to Country Rose in Haliburton for the beautiful bouquets what a fantastic job. They were beyond beautiful. Thank you to Serenity Designs for the boutonnieres, matches, and napkins.

Thank you to Personalized Limousine Service & Hyland Taxi for the limo and cabs - everyone arrived safe & sound & you guys were terrific. Thanks Marty!!

Thank you to our wedding party for being there from start to finish - Dodi, Sharon, Mike H. Mike S., Jim, Shannon, Andy, Bonnie, Shawn, Chris, Reena, Samantha, Josh, Cody -you guys are all the best.

Additional thanks Andy Hillo for all you did - above and beyond the call of duty - your help was appreciated. Additional thanks Bonnie & Mike, and Shannon & Greg for being there for the planning, Jack & Jill, and sounding boards.

Thanks to my parents for being there for us (and the honeymoon gift). We love you!! And thanks Mom for the loan of your minister. She's great!

Thank you to Caroline Dahlke for the beautiful performance and for writing us such a wonderful song, and to Samantha Jones also for her wonderful performance and also for writing us a terrific song. Both these songs will be played over and over again - they are hits!! (Can't wait to hear them on the radio!!).

And last, but not least, thanks to all who attended and made our day so memorable. Hope you all had as great of a time as we did. Cheers!!

Joanne & Brett Irvine

Church Events

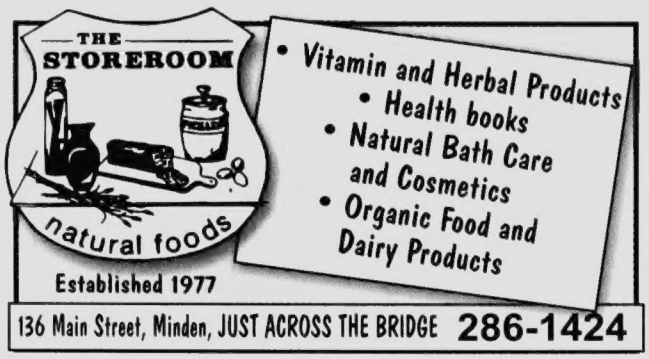
Annual Turkey Dinner
Friday, November 5th
St. Paul's Anglican Church -
19 North Water Street, Minden
Sittings at 5.00 & 6.30 p.m. Adults $ 12.00 - Children ages 4 to 12 $ 5.00\Preschoolers "free" - Tickets at Campbells's Garden Center in Minden or call Linda Levely - 286-1514

Bake & Craft Sale
Saturday, November 6th
Wilberforce United Church will be having a Bake & Craft sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Christmas Luncheon
November 12
Minden United Church
From 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Church. Tickets are: Adults: $5.00 Children 12 and under:$2.50 Preschoolers: Free. Contact: Lynda Pawluch Tel: (705)286-1562

Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale
Saturday, November 20
Lochlin Community Centre
The Lochlin United Church presents this annual event from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Lochlin Community Centre on County Rd. 1 in Lochlin. Soup, Sandwich and Apple Crisp all for only $6.00

After-School Program, G.O.O., Minden Bible Church
G.O.O. (God's the Only One) is an after-school program at Minden Bible Church full of fun, singing, crafts, stories, games, food and much more! If you or anyone you know is in grades 1 thru 6, then we'd love to have you come! GOO runs from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, October 20, November 3 & 17, and December 1 & 15. For more information, call the church at 286-1338.



Kidz Korner

By Trevor Guyton

"I Will Always Remember"

For this edition of Kidz Korner, I'm doing a bit on Remembrance Day. Of course everyone should already know about Remembrance Day, so this edition is just about why we should stop to think about it. To this day there are very few World War II veterans and even fewer World War I veterans still alive. If you think about it World War I started in 1914 and lasted till 1918. Anyone who was a soldier would have been 18 years old, at least, though many young men lied about their age to join the army when they were about 16. We are coming up to the year 2005. Anyone who was in World War I would be over 100 years old today. If we don't remember the war veterans and what happened in the First World War, we will have nothing to tell our kids.

These men and women gave their lives for our future. It would be a shame to their memory not to be able to tell our children about what they had done for us.

In World War I 620,000 Canadian men and women served in the war. Of that amount 66,000 people were killed. This was at the time when Canada's population was only a couple million. That was around one tenth of Canada's population that died. These numbers show how many people volunteered to defend those in need. This showed the courage and bravery we Canadians had.

It was enough for our people to leave their homes in this beautiful country to go and help others. These are just a few reasons why we should never forget, but always remember the brave people who went to war.

I would like to dedicate this article to my great-grandfather who served as a young soldier during World War I and then later as a freedom fighter during World War II. And to say "I will always remember".

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Urban Legends

Here's a popular Urban Legend where the victim gets his revenge ...

A long-distance lorry driver went into an all-night cafe and ordered a meal of sausages, chips and tea. He had just started his meal when three leather-jacketed youths came in and began to make fun of him.

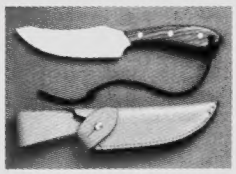
One picked up his mug of tea and drank it. Another ate one of his sausages. The third grabbed a handful his chips. The driver said nothing; he ate what they left him, paid his bill, and went out.

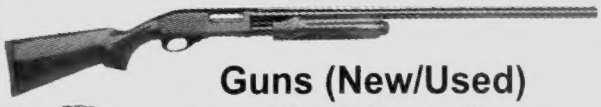
One of the youths said to the cafe proprietor: "He wasn't much of a man, was he?"

"No," said the proprietor, who was looking out of the window, "and he isn't much of a driver either. He's just backed his lorry into three motor-cycles and wrecked them."

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

Everything for Hunting Season





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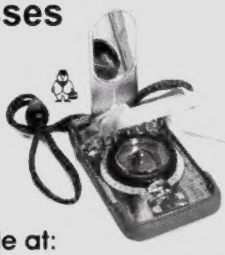

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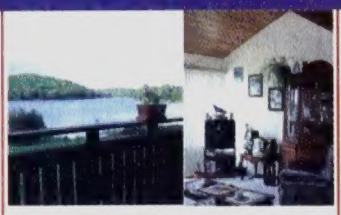

Neat, clean, beautifully decorated in this 3 bdrm, 1140 sq ft home/cottage. With a 3 pc ensuite and balcony off the guest bdrm, oak kitchen, cedar cathedral ceiling in living room with w/o to 3 sided deck. Sand beach, deep water and open lake view, fully insulated 2 car garage. **$289,900.00**

Business opportunity on hwy.35 Carnarvon. live next door to your own business. 2 br home, new carpet, plumbing, windows & roof. nice lawn area. commercial bldg - 3000 sq. ft., new oil furnace, loading dock into storage area. hardwood floors, separate office space, large bsmt. for storage. lg. paved yard. zoning is c1, hc & residential. ideal for antique store, vegetable market, organic produce, crafts & hobbies, restaurant, possibilities are endless for this income producing property. **$375,000.00**

2830 sq ft total living space inc lower walk out level in this gorgeous Post and Beam cottage situated on the shores of Little Kennisis. Hardwood floors, custom maple kitchen, open concept throughout Kitchen/LR/DR. Lg loft area for 4rd bedroom. Walkout to large entertaining deck. Hot tub off lower walk out. Field stone fireplace, FAE furnace, drilled well, 10x16 garage. **$549,000.00**

What a view of prestigious Kennisis Lake. Algonquin type lot, deep water, deck & dock at water. 2 bedroom A frame cottage. Vendor used cottage this past winter, has winter water system but needs some upgrades to make fully winterized. **$309,000.00**

Custom 4 bdrm home with over 2000 sq. ft. of living space, pine cathedral ceiling, 2 - 4 pc baths, the full finished w/o bsmt has family room with airtight, a possible games rm, laundry & storage room. Ground source heat with central air, landscaped, 2 car garage and paved drive. Access to a 3 lake chain across quiet road. With a breath taking view and more. **$349,900.00**

Swim, ski, fish in your own lake. Old country charm with 5 bdrm - loft, 2 was rms, stone fireplace, lge deck. Potential of 60 acres gravel, timber, lots, camp, retreats. **$1,200,000.00**

See this great building lot. Several building sites offering spectacular views of Kennisis Lake. Absolute privacy on this 8 acre property. 800 ft. shore line varies with flat rock, sand pockets, larger rock sections and a point. Sheltered area for boat protection. Sunsets come across the point and set on the opposite shore. This rare large property is being offered at **$575,000.00**

50 acres, hardwood, mostly maple bush. Ideal for maple syrup. Fairly high land. Very private. Abundance of wildlife, good hunting (if desired). Hydro and well put in 15 years ago. Old home has been removed. Vendor will consider taking a mortgage. **Offered for sale @$79,900.00**

SOLD Recent Sales SOLD Call Us To List!! SOLD

South exposure sand beach on 3 lake chain having a 4 season 3 bedroom home/cottage & Bunkie. Many upgrades in the past 2 years. Stone fireplace, open concept and big lake view from deck and living area. **$189,000.00**

Idea property to build your dream cottage. 2 sep. lots - total of 323 ft shoreline. Deep water western exp. on Little Kennisis. Cottage on one lot to live in while building on the other. Cottage could be renovated for guests or a rental income. Up to date septic. **$409,000.00**

Spacious open concept, all pine interior, cathedral ceiling, 2 bdrm cottage, full bath, good septic. Large entertaining deck, sand frontage, NW exposure. Very private grounds. **$269,000.00**

Privacy, level, well treed property with a stream and sandy shore with 220 ft of frontage. Panabode cottage all cedar interior, pine kitchen, Stone fireplace, open concept. 3 bdrms, single garage with laundry facilities and loft above with 2pc bath, common room and sleeping area. **$399,000.00**

Wow!! Privacy plus a tranquil setting. This lot has 229 feet of frontage with sand shoreline. Excellent building site with a view of big lake. Quiet sheltered bay on prestigious Kennisis Lake. VTB on approval. **$185,000.00**

Ideal building lot, 2 acres with 250 ft frontage on Kennisis Lake with big lake view. Area of prestigious cottages. Well treed and private. Sand and rock shore and deep water. Year round road with hydro at road. **$269,000.00**

Move in 2100 sq. ft. 4 bdrm cedar shake matculously finished cottage, 2 baths, hot tub rm, sauna, FP, family rm, cat in kitchen, built in appliances, open concept all pine interior, dr. wall. **$549,000.00**

3 bedroom cottage on level south west lot. Large master with sliding door to deck. Large living room with cathedral ceiling and stone fireplace adds to the cozy ambiance of cottage life. Sand bottom and easy access to the lake makes it great for young or old. **$344,500.00**

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